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Strategic plan takes shape

When Christy and I joined Wartburg just two-and-a half-years ago, the major task sitting in the president's inbox was Commission on Mission. We needed to complete the Commission's work, folding the task force reports into a final presentation for our Board, and use the insights of the Commission to shape a Strategic Plan for the College. At the time, it seemed a daunting task, and although many able people were working at it, I wondered — in those early days of my presidency — how we'd reach closure.

Now, I marvel at how much this community has accomplished. Not only did we conclude the Commission on Mission, not only did we shape a Strategic Plan, not only did the Board of Regents adopt that plan in October 2010, but we've made serious strides at implementing the initial steps in that plan.

To begin our pursuit of the first goal — expanding deep and integrative learning in the liberal arts tradition — Interim Dean Fred Ribich took the lead on the first objective, the one upon which all the others depend: reviewing and revising the college-wide learning outcomes. Beginning with a large faculty-staff retreat and then working with numerous stakeholders to shape a list of outcomes that we can all embrace, the College community has all but concluded that process.

As that approaches conclusion, the Planning Committee has begun addressing the second step in the sequence: creating a comprehensive student development plan that will more mindfully embed the learning outcomes in the many extra- and co-curricular activities.

Moreover, we have built a Strategic Initiative Fund — initiated with a generous gift from Marge and Mike McCoy — to inspire and underwrite creative efforts by faculty and staff to pursue the goal of enhancing the deep and integrative learning that our students need. Although "integrative" sounds mysterious, it's just shorthand for making sure our students are educated to be whole persons — their mental, spiritual, intellectual lives must inform and permeate their physical, active lives of engagement with the world around them. We've already funded five projects and are entertaining a number of other proposals.

In pursuit of the fourth goal, calling on us to provide an outstanding teaching, learning, and living infrastructure, we have completed the master campus planning that was part of our first objective, and we have made substantial progress on an environmental sustainability plan, which addresses another part of that objective. We see a clear path to reshaping first-year residence halls into genuine living-learning communities that improve student success. We also see how to ensure that the Vogel Library will not only continue to serve student needs, but will almost certainly improve persistence to graduation.

We have moved forward on another strategic objective, namely to implement a comprehensive campaign that will support the College's key priorities, from enhancing learning to providing outstanding infrastructure and everything in between.

There is more to say, but that will have to wait until I next write to you. The point is this: Everyone associated with the College — from Regents to Faculty, from Staff to Students — is hard at work pursuing the strategies that will achieve that transformative vision we all share, that will create a future — a tomorrow — in which not only those of us who sing the song, but everyone else, will know that this College is the finest in the East or West.

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Wartburg College is dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning.

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TWO SPORTS, TWO NATIONAL TITLES, ONE DAY

Wartburg College made NCAA history in March by becoming the only school to win two national team championships in two different sports — wrestling and women's indoor track — on the same day. Women's track marked its third NCAA title in four years and wrestling won its ninth overall and second consecutive crown.

Wrestling

The No.1 ranked Wartburg College wrestling team finished atop the team leaderboard at the NCAA national championships.

The team tied an NCAA championship record (which Wartburg set in 2003) with four individual titles as well as 141.5 total team points — fourth-best in championship history. Eight of the 10 wrestling competitors earned All-American status.

"We've always said the match in front of us is most important, and our guys really took ahold of that and took care of business without looking ahead," said co-head coach Eric Keller.

Augsburg finished in second with 86.5 points, continuing the streak of Wartburg/Augburg finishing in the top two every year at the championships since 1995.

Senior Byron Tate (Clinton) became the program's second three-time national champion and first at 197 with his 7-2 decision over Dustin Barter of St. John's. With his win, he became only the 12th wrestler in NCAA history to accomplish this three-peat.

Sophomore Kenny Anderson (Billerica, Mass.), junior Kodie Silvestri (Franklin, N.J.), and sophomore Landon Williams (Davenport) all won their first national titles at 125, 141, and 165, respectively.

Photo courtesy of Amanda Gahle

Silvestri also was named the NWCA's Most Outstanding Wrestler. His victory quelled the No. 1-seeded-and-ranked UW-La Crosse wrestler Bebeto Yewah's opportunity to become a three-time national champion at 141 lbs.

Senior Bradley Banks (Stockbridge, Ga.) took second at 174, classmate Dylan Azinger (DeWitt) placed fourth at 184, sophomore Ryan Fank (Independence) took fourth at 285, and freshman Drew Wagenhoffer (Sussex, N.J.) took sixth place at 149.

Indoor Track & Field

The women's indoor track and field team scored 99 points to shatter the DIII record of 66 set in 1988 by Christopher Newport University. All 13 competitors earned at least one All-American honor.

"These athletes take pride in our tradition as they learned from the upperclassmen like the Hannah Bakers and the Jenny Kordicks, and they just ran with it," said Head Coach Marcus Newsom. "This group loves to compete, but we also stayed humble and represented our institution and the entire state of Iowa extremely well."

The Orange and Black concluded the final day of the championships with two individual national titles and one relay title. Senior Nevada Morrison (Maywood, Ill.) won the 400-meter dash with her time of 55.80. With the win, she and her twin sister, Skye, made NCAA history as each won individual titles.

Senior Laura Sigmund (Stanhope) later won the 5,000-meter run (17:01.82).

The day concluded with the victory in the 4x400-meter relay as Skye Morrison, Faith Burt, Kendra Kregal, and Nevada Morrison finished in a time of 3:45.66. Nevada Morrison concluded her indoor career as a four-time national champion in the event.

"Our Wartburg Track and Field family was incredibly supportive, and family is important to me," Newsom said. "(The NCAA camera crew) showed the back of our family T-shirts, and the crowd went crazy, but that saying is very true."

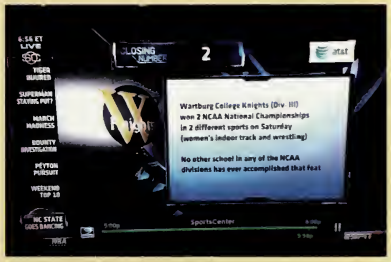
On the first day of competition, the Knights took home another individual National Championship as Skye won the women's long jump competition. Her mark of 7.12 meters (20'3") shattered the old mark that stood at 5.96 meters (19'6.7").

This was her second career trip to the top of the podium. She also won the event in her sophomore season. Skye ends her indoor career as a three-time All-American in this event.

KNIGHTS ON NATIONAL STAGE

Two national media outlets covered the great accomplishments of Wartburg athletics. The *New York Times* wrote an article about the Wartburg/Augsburg wrestling rivalry, and ESPN noted Wartburg's historical feat of winning two NCAA championships in two different sports (wrestling and women's indoor track) on the same day. No other school in any of the three NCAA divisions had ever accomplished it. In 2009 Wartburg won wrestling and women's indoor track and field team titles in March, but a week apart.

The *New York Times* article can be found at, **www.nytimes.com/2012/03/05/sports/colleges-locked-in-struggle-for-wrestling-supremacy.html**



Wartburg in the News

Mark Hanawalt

Hanawalt heads advisory board

Waverly resident Mark Hanawalt now chairs the President's Advisory Council. Wartburg College President Darrel Colson called Hanawalt "an ideal person" for the position. Hanawalt is president of United Equipment Accessories, Inc. and a Cornell College graduate.

"He and his entire family are products of small private Midwest liberal arts colleges, and he possesses the leadership skills, vision, and passion to promote and advance Wartburg College in today's competitive climate," Colson said.

The President's Advisory Council includes leaders from around the country who represent a wide range of expertise and disciplines. Members offer counsel to the president on issues central to the entire campus.

Other members are:

- Rich Barnett '84, Chubb Corp., Warren, N.J.
- Amy Kilgus Chamley, preschool administrator, Champaign, Ill.
- Jim Ellefson '74, Moore, McKibben, Goodman, Lorenz & Ellefson, LLP, Marshalltown
- Jane Hartman '68, consultant, St. Augustine, Fla.
- Reid Koenig '75, CUNA Mutual Life Insurance Co., Waverly
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- Eric Rossow '00, North Washington Dental Group, Denver, Colo.
- Greg Schmitz '83, VGM Education
- Carla Schulz '82, Family Medicine Specialists, PC, Cedar Rapids.

Christmas with Wartburg sets available

A one-hour production of highlights from the Christmas with Wartburg performances aired three times on Iowa Public Television during the holidays. The broadcast and a commemorative DVD/CD set were made possible by a generous donation from the Sukup Family Foundation and Eugene and Mary Sukup of Sheffield. The DVD/CD sets, with the entire performance, are available at the Wartburg Bookstore or online at www.wartburgbookstore.com.

MLK Day record set

A record 489 Wartburg College students participated in Martin Luther King Day activities Jan. 16.

Service-learning coordinator Renee Sedlacek called the effort "phenomenal," with 418 students assisting 22 agencies, while another 71 participated in a poverty simulation. The previous record was 412 in 2005.

The projects ranged on campus from making fleece "Blankets of Love" for residents of the Bremwood Lutheran Children's Home and care packages for troops overseas to helping agencies throughout the Cedar Valley, including cleaning a horse barn, washing vehicles, organizing clothing, and singing for and playing games with residents of retirement homes.

A citywide canvass in Waverly had 48 students going door-to-door to 1,200 homes to promote disaster preparedness and volunteerism.

They spoke to 350 residents, while distributing American Red Cross flood and fire preparedness materials and information about a new Volunteer Solutions database — a joint venture of Wartburg and the Waverly-Shell Rock United Way that matches volunteers with opportunities.

Wartburg College students Rite Gebremichael '15 of Ethiopia (left) and Emily Eimers '12 of Lone Rock make a "blanket of love" for youths at the Bremwood Lutheran Children's Home during Martin Luther King Day activities Jan. 16.

Ensembles ready to roam

Another year of adventure for Wartburg's three touring musical ensembles lies ahead.

The Wartburg Choir, Castle Singers, and Wind Ensemble are on a three-year tour rotation. Each year one ensemble tours the Midwest, another has an extended domestic tour, and the final tours abroad during May Term.

This year the Wartburg Choir will be touring the Midwest, the Wind Ensemble will be on the extended domestic tour, and the Castle Singers will tour Estonia, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, the Czech Republic, and France during May Term. All concerts are free to the public with donation opportunities offered. Schedule available at www.wartburg.edu/music/tours.html.

Homecoming dates set

Wartburg College's 2012 Homecoming will welcome alumni, family, and the community Oct. 18-21. Each day of the celebration will infuse tradition and fun with exciting events planned all weekend. Family members, alumni, students, and community members are all welcome to participate in events.

Several Wartburg class reunions will take place throughout the weekend. Homecoming 2012 is a great chance to catch up with friends, spend time with family, and enjoy the festivities on Wartburg College campus.

View a slideshow of Homecoming 2011 at www.wartburg.edu/alumni/homecoming. Registration will be available in August.

Alumni assist Orange Connection

Orange Connection is a two-day job shadowing opportunity for Wartburg students to explore career interests through the help of Warburg alumni. Alumni and current students develop a unique mentoring partnership as they learn from each other.

Orange Connection 2012 events included job networking events in Chicago and Des Moines Feb. 25-26, followed by job shadowing Feb 27-28.

Wartburg adds 'Crib Sheet' app

The Wartburg College Crib Sheet is an app released by Wartburg College to help keep alumni, parents, friends, and students active in the Wartburg Community. The "Crib Sheet" is the perfect way to stay current with campus news, alumni events, concerts, sports highlights, and much more. Links are also included on the crib sheet to Facebook, Twitter, photos, and articles from the campus newspaper, *The Trumpet*.

The application can be used as a "real-world" crib sheet with a section called Life 101. This link has topics pertaining to money, housing, etiquette, insurance, and travel tips. Each section is targeted to give tips on everyday activities to assist Wartburg College fans.

The Wartburg Crib Sheet is available for free in app stores on any Android, Blackberry, desktop, or Apple device.

Music to highlight Family Weekend

Simon Estes

World-renowned bass-baritone Simon Estes will bring his "Roots and Wings" concert to Neumann Auditorium, Sunday, Oct. 14, at 3 p.m. Estes, distinguished professor and artist in residence, will perform with the Wartburg Choir, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary, and Wartburg and Bremer County high school students during Family Weekend, Oct. 13-14.

Wartburg will offer music, sports, and entertainment for the whole family. Events include the Campus Fun Zone with carnival games, lunch with President Darrel Colson, football against archrival Luther College, and an entertainment event for the whole family.

The concert is part of Estes' 99-county tour in Iowa to raise scholarship money for aspiring young artists.

Outfly outbreak starts April 29

To help alumni, parents, and friends stay connected with Wartburg and each other, the college again will host annual Outfly picnics across the country. This year different Outfly events will be celebrated throughout Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska. Besides picnics, other events include major and minor league baseball games, a theater performance, and a Wartburg hospitality tent along the Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa route.

April 29	"Memphis," musical at the Des Moines Civic Center and pre-show reception
May 6	Chicago Cubs game and pre-game event
May 15-June 1	Tanzania Alumni Tour with Host Dr. Les Huth
May 19	"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," musical at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Denver
May 20	Colorado Rockies game and pre-game reception, Denver Washington, D.C., reception
May 24-27	Class of 1962 50-Year Reunion, Wartburg campus
June 12	Kansas City Outfly
June 13	Omaha Outfly
June 14	Cedar Rapids Kernels game, Cedar Rapids
June 19	Chicago Outfly
June 20	Quad Cities Outfly
June 21	Iowa City Outfly
June 27	Iowa Cubs game and pre-game reception, Des Moines
June 28	Waterloo Bucks baseball game, Waterloo
June 30	Minnesota Twins game and pre-game event
July 25 or 26	Wartburg Hospitality Tent on the RAGBRAI Route
Aug. 1	Des Moines Outfly
Aug. 2	Ankeny Outfly
Aug. 7	Black Hawk County Outfly
Aug. 8	Twin Cities Outfly
Aug. 9	Rochester, Minn. Outfly
Aug. 16	Waverly Area Outfly, Wartburg campus

Keeping the Faith

Capel shepherds ELCA's largest female-led congregation

by Michael L. Sherer

It may not require 10 fingers to count the number of female pastors within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America who have risen to leadership in its largest congregations.

One of that select few is Kristen "Kris" Capel (KAY-pull) '95, who was named "lead pastor" of 4,500-member Easter Lutheran Church, in Eagan, Minn., during 2011. No female ELCA clergyperson is charged with leading so large a congregation within the nation's largest Lutheran faith community. (Wartburg College is affiliated with the ELCA.)

As a point of historical curiosity, Capel was born the same year Easter Lutheran was organized. Until she was named the leader of the congregation's multi-pastor staff, it had only one lead pastor — James Borgschatz, the mission developer who planted the fledgling mission parish in the south suburbs of Minnesota's Twin Cities.

The Rev. Kris Capel believes leadership is embedded in Wartburg's culture.

Capel had some twists and turns before she arrived where she is today.

She planned originally to become a music teacher, but soon began to refocus. She ended up with a music and religion double major at Wartburg. That led to her earning the Master of Divinity degree at Wartburg Theological Seminary — but only after still more twists and turns.

Capel credits Wartburg College for setting her on a good path. But she could easily have attended archrival Luther, at Decorah, Iowa. "My sister was a third-year student at Luther when I was choosing colleges. I wanted a Lutheran school but had never heard of Wartburg."

A youth director — and Wartburg alumnus — in her hometown of Council Bluffs steered her to the Waverly campus.

"I was interested in majoring in music," Capel says. "My first contact with Wartburg was Dr. [Robert] Lee. He knew I was a French horn player, and he was incredibly persistent in getting me to visit the campus. When I learned about Wartburg's amazing opportunities for both music and academic scholarships, I decided to apply."

Capel was no shrinking wallflower at Wartburg. "I played in the Wartburg Band (band soloist in my senior year), was in the orchestra, and sang with the Castle Singers. I went to Europe with the band."

With a growing academic interest in religion, Capel went on an archaeological dig during May Term with a group led by religion professor Dr. Fred Strickert (who now lives and works in Jerusalem). She also was involved in campus ministry and served on the worship committee.

Ordained ministry continued to grow in her as a real possibility.

"The professors and campus pastors at Wartburg recognized gifts for ministry in me. They encouraged me in that direction from Day One. Fred Strickert and (former pastor) Larry Trachte were both instrumental in guiding my path toward seminary."

Capel's campus activities were slowly, perhaps imperceptibly, shaping her for leadership in the church at large.

"I served on the campus ministry board. As part of the worship committee, I helped plan worship for fellow students on a weekly basis. I remember that even in band and Castle Singers, students were invited to provide devotions at every rehearsal."

Capel remembers leadership on campus was inculcated in those who wanted to embrace it.

"Wartburg is truly a place that is committed to growing leaders in an organic way. When I think back, I realize leadership was embedded in the culture of all the classes and organizations at Wartburg."

Former Wartburg College President William Jellema (1974-80) once lifted up Martin Luther's emphasis on vocation by introducing students to a German term, "Berufung" (calling). When Capel arrived, the concept was embedded in the college's culture.

Capel encountered — and embraced — it.

"Like most college students," she remembers, "I struggled to find my calling — what I was uniquely created to do in this world. My professors didn't just sit idly by and watch as I discerned that calling. They truly engaged in dialogue, gave me hands-on opportunities to lead in real-life situations, and helped me figure out what my gifts were — and how they could best be used in God's world."

Capel has high praise for Wartburg's "berufung culture." "I think Wartburg is truly unique in that way."

After graduation, she confronted the yin and yang of Wartburg and Luther again, but in a different way. Capel enrolled in Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., but later graduated from Wartburg in Dubuque.

"The professors and campus pastors at Wartburg recognized gifts for ministry in me. They encouraged me in that direction from Day One."

"I had a one-year scholarship to Luther but, after one year, 'came home' to [the other] Wartburg." She completed her seminary internship in Seattle and then took some time off to serve as a music minister in Roanoke, Va., where she met her future husband, Daniel.

Even the Virginia opportunity had a Wartburg College link. "I had worked with (Waverly-based church composer) John Ylvisaker when I was a college student. He knew my music interest and recommended me for the job in Roanoke."

But the experience convinced Capel that music ministry was not her calling. "I missed preaching. I missed being in people's lives at critical moments — baptisms, weddings, funerals. I had a vision for the church, and I knew God was calling me into ordained ministry."

After finishing seminary, she received a call to an ELCA congregation in Racine, Wis., as an associate pastor. With the arrival of her first child, she served the congregation part-time until Dan received a work transfer to the Twin Cities. That's how Kris Capel ended up at Easter Lutheran in Eagan as an associate pastor.

Clearly the congregation fell in love with their new associate. Five years later, she was a frontrunner for the position of lead pastor. A series of three interviews winnowed the candidates. Says Capel, "I was thrilled to be included in the first round, and then in the second, and then in the final one."

So, how does a pastor and a mother of two lively daughters keep it all together, leading a 4,500-member congregation?

"It's crazy," she admits, but hastens to add, "it's good crazy. My kids — Annika, 10, and Amelia, 6 — get to see that their mom is deeply called to be both a mother and a pastor. I hope that will encourage them to follow where God leads them in their own lives."

Dan, a civil engineer, is also part of the reason it all holds together. "My husband is the most faithful and supportive person on the planet," she says. "He's an amazing spouse and a wonderful dad."

Nor does the Rev. Capel discount the support and encouragement of the 4,500 members of her south suburban, two-campus congregation. "They step in and help on a regular basis."

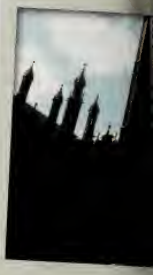
When Martin Luther developed his doctrine of vocation — Christian calling — he was eager to show that there are legitimate, God-pleasing ways to serve outside the ordained ministry. Kris Capel's experience offers a counterpoint. She's reminding her church — along with the host of fellow Wartburg alums serving out their vocations in daily life — that sometimes God calls people who hadn't planned on ordained ministry into service that involves wearing an alb and a stole.

Michael Sherer '63, is a retired Lutheran pastor and journalist. He lives with his wife, Kathe '66, in Waverly.

The Rev. Capel leads a 4,500-person congregation in Eagan, Minn., a Twin Cities suburb.

Jess Schenk and local resident Beth Twilley volunteer at the Wolverhampton, England community café.

Jess Schenk travels with the United Family Support Group for elderly Jamaicans on a day trip to the International Slavery Museum in Liverpool.



Jess Schenk poses in fr
October YAGM conferen

A journey in faith

Young alumni volunteers experience personal change

by Saul Shapiro

Jessica Schenk '11 majored in social work and religion at Wartburg College, but diplomacy is also a forté. Schenk, from Canon City, Colo., is one of four Wartburg graduates volunteering in Great Britain in Young Adults in Global Mission, an Evangelical Lutheran Church in America program that places 60 "servant-leaders" in Britain, Argentina, Uruguay, Mexico, South Africa, Malaysia, and Jerusalem and the West Bank.

She is serving in Wolverhampton in the West Midlands with the organization, "Time for God." Her responsibilities in a large Afro-Caribbean community include running a free football (soccer) club for young boys.

"One of my regular participants came up to me one day and said, 'Jess, why are you here?' I asked, 'You mean at football today?' He replied, 'No, I mean in Wolverhampton. I don't get why would you come all the way from America to Wolverhampton?'" Schenk recalled.

"Because I wanted to get to know awesome people like you," she said.

"He looked thoughtful for a second and then ran off with his friends. When the club was over, I overheard him telling some friends, 'Can you believe someone would come all the way from America just to hang out with us? Maybe we're not that bad after all.'"

Schenk also supervises a Rainbow (scout) group for 5- to 7-year-old girls, works with elderly Caribbean immigrants, and supports a community cafe.

"I'm continuing my Wartburg journey of 'discovering and claiming my calling,'" she wrote. "At Wartburg I learned that service isn't a hobby, it's a way of life. I learned the importance of diversity and embracing new traditions and culture, and I learned that going new places and being challenged is one of the best experiences you can ever have."

Nicole Lequia '11, an elementary education major from Temecula, Calif., volunteers with "Just Youth" in Catholic schools in Salford, near Manchester, providing a safe haven for children in a deprived area.

"These kids come from very rough backgrounds and have a difficult time trusting new people," she wrote. "It has been both challenging and rewarding to work with them. Sometimes I will be walking down the street, and the kids will say hello to me. It's slow going, but I think by the end of the year I will not want to leave."

Britney Borchardt '11, an elementary education major from Mason City, is in Brookham, a small village, working with teens at a Baptist church.

"We have recently started a Breakfast Cafe on Tuesday mornings so the youth who walk by the church on their way to school can grab breakfast and hang out before school," she wrote. "We help run the Bookham Youth Cafe, which is a place for the youth to come after school to engage in activities from playing sports to watching a film."

Townspeople take her to community events and invite her into their homes. "Bookham is my home away from home," she stated.

Ellen Hilger '09, from Appleton, Wis., now a special education teacher in Mount Pleasant, was a 2009-10 volunteer in Kota Kinabalu, East Malaysia. She taught English to adults at the Sabah Theological Seminary — and learned from them.

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Big Ben during an

Wartburg Young Adults in Global Mission 2011-12 group (left-to-right): Britney Borchardt, Nicole Lequia, Jess Schenk and Lou Peters, all 2011 graduates.

Brandon Newton '05, a 2001-02 YAGM volunteer youth director in Heywood, England, was reunited with his host, Vera Hewerdine, at Wartburg.

"I often spent time outside of the classroom with my students, and I found those to be some of the most meaningful relationships from my year of service," she wrote. "I picked up the language solely through listening to others."

Sometimes, though, things were "lost in mistranslations."

"One of my students was going fishing, and I wasn't able to go along," she recalled. "I told him that he'd have to "catch a fish for me" as a way of saying 'have fun without me.' The next day I had two fresh fish to cook for dinner."

Wartburg promotes participation. "As a college of the ELCA — and in light of the college's mission — we encourage students to live out their faith," said Dr. Walter "Chip" Bouzard, professor of religion. "YAGM is a prime example of a way students can live their faith as they explicitly serve the wider church."

The program places a high priority on "spiritual formation and growth," not proselytizing.

"A very important part of the YAGM program is this idea of accompaniment," Lequia stated. "We do not go to our placements thinking we know what is best for the people we meet. Rather, we are there to serve and meet people where they are and journey with them ... Our actions and the love we show the people are our evangelizing."

Brandon Newton '05 lives with his wife Christy '06 in St. Paul, Minn., where he is Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church youth director while pursuing a Master of Divinity degree. He was a 2001-02 volunteer youth director at a Methodist Church in Heywood, England, outside Manchester.

"I was challenged to quickly let go of any expectations or preconceived notions I had about bringing God to another part of the world," he recalled. "God was already there ... deeply at work. My biggest challenge was to receive from my gracious host community. While there, I experienced the risen Savior and returned having grown in faith."

Borchardt concurs with the YAGM description of volunteers as embarking on a faith "journey."

"It is like taking a sail into unknown waters with a long-term destination in mind, but also with the trust that God will lead you to where you belong," she wrote. "The YAGM year is full of many ups and downs, sunny days and thunderstorms. When you come to the end of the year, your final destination, you arrive safely, but as a changed person from who you were when you left."

Ellen Hilger taught English to adults in Malaysia.

International students ride on their 2011 Homecoming float.

Students show off their traditional clothing at the Culture Fair.

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Global recruitment efforts pay off

by Saul Shapiro

When Wartburg announced its 2011-12 enrollment of 1,805 — its third-highest total ever — some numbers stood out.

Fifty international students accounted for nearly 10 percent of the Class of 2015. Overall, 129 international students from 49 countries were on campus.

And with 204 U.S. diversity students, the enrollment belied stereotypes.

"Our diversity population is now 18 percent — a remarkable achievement for a private college in a rural setting," said Dr. Edith Waldstein, vice president for enrollment management.

The international numbers were a testament to Wartburg's recruiting strategy augmented by the efforts of the much-traveled Reon Sines-Sheaff, associate director for global admissions and international partner programs, and Kevin Roiseland, director of the international student program.

Sines-Sheaff's destinations have included some of the 13 Davis United World Colleges on five continents. The two-year schools ease the transition to U.S. colleges for some of the best and brightest high school graduates from more than 120 countries.

Founded by philanthropist Shelby M.C. Davis and his wife, Gale, the Davis program contributes as much as $20,000 per year in need-based aid per student. Wartburg, a partner college since 2007, has 42 Davis Scholars.

"The Davis UWC Scholars Program is helping Wartburg create a diverse, vibrant and global-learning community," Waldstein said.

A college in rural Iowa, though, initially may not be on an international student's radar.

"We're in a small town, and there are great things about a small town," Sines-Sheaff said. "We have a really welcoming environment for our international students. It's safe."

She gets quality-of-life reinforcement from international students serving as "ambassadors."

"If I'm on a recruiting trip," Sines-Sheaff said, "and I'm talking to a business major from Nigeria, then I put them in touch with Shalom Nwaokolo ('13) or one of our other business majors from Nigeria."

Modern technology abets those efforts.

"We're using Skype, so we can have one-on-one conversations with the students," she said. "If the student has a question and can talk to our student, that's a positive. They're going to chat about 'what's it really like on your campus? Are there a lot of international students?'

"Our international students are able to answer those questions the best."

Waverly also is a recruiting asset with more than 100 host families.

"We're really rich in resources with host families," Roiseland said. "Host

Davis United World College Scholars are honored each fall at a dinner.

International students are proud to hoist homeland flags.

families make them feel at home in a lot of ways."

Take the experience of Nwabunie Nwana '09, of Nigeria. When she arrived, "Everything was culturally alien to me," she said, "the food, manner of communication, more or less the way of life.

"But one begins to adjust," added Nwana, now working on her master's degree in public health at Emory University in Atlanta. "The most important factor in my transition is owed to the host family-student relationship unique to Wartburg. The Arns family was so, so wonderful to me and played a huge role in my successful transition."

"The host families were amazing and caring," said Vaidehi Agrawal '09, from Frankfurt, Germany, a third-year Texas A&M graduate student in biomedical sciences.

Nurturing the international students is essential.

"I go on recruitment trips in September. When I get back, I'm there if they want to talk about something, or if they're having a bad day," Sines-Sheaff said. "They may have trouble adjusting to something. There's always the honeymoon period, which is followed by the homesick period. I never leave them, and Kevin is there from the beginning."

"It's important that the admissions official is still an active presence on campus," Roiseland said. "That may be rare in the field, because on a lot of campuses they're under the gun trying to continually get new students in. They'll build a rapport with students and then it's 'Sorry, I have to move on.' Luckily, there's not that aspect here."

Roiseland wants to improve the international students' interaction with Americans.

"They have a good support structure with international students because they have a lot in common, but we don't want them to think, 'Well, now I have my group of friends.' We tell them to be as gregarious as possible. Americans are very nice, but they're not just going to jump out at you with hospitality.

"A lot of Americans may be afraid they'll accidentally offend them by asking some question, like they don't know where their country is. I think it's mostly shyness," he said. "Sometimes I go to an American student I know, and I'll ask, 'Can you show Hamid where the Science Center room is, because he just got here?' Then they walk across and are talking. We just need to reproduce that connection somehow."

A host "brother-sister" program is designed to do that.

"I went to the returning international students and asked, 'Who are the cool American students?' I ended up getting 53 American students who are interested. If only half of them have a friendship or connection, then you've done something."

Culture Week also brings students together.

Originally a gathering of international students in the cafeteria, the performances graduated to McCaskey Lyceum and now nearly fill Neumann Auditorium. The Culture Fair — international cuisine and booths representing the students' countries — draws crowds to Saemann Student Center ballrooms.

"The new students this year knew about Culture Week," Sines-Sheaff said. "They'd seen it on Facebook and heard about it from their friends here. They've brought costumes. So every year it's going to get bigger and bigger. We couldn't even take in everyone who wants to do it."

"The fact that Wartburg made Culture Week a priority made me feel comfortable and showed that Wartburg embraces international diversity," said Chikemma Nwana '10, of Nigeria (Nwabunie's sister), now a Credit Suisse technology analyst in New York City.

The international students, Roiseland said, add to the richness of campus life.

"Think of the kind of American students who study abroad," Roiseland said. "Usually they have a broader view of the world, varied interests and they're good students. It's the same thing with the international students who come here. There's a high level all around, whether it's grades or maturity."

Reon Sines-Sheaff

Kevin Roiseland

Student performances cap Culture Week.

BUILD IT and they will come

Wartburg lays the groundwork for international recruitment

by Saul Shapiro

Wartburg College upped the ante in recruiting international students in 1985. Kent Hawley, who was retiring as vice president for student life, became the college's first in-house international recruiter at the direction of then-President Robert Vogel. Previously, the college had contracted with recruiters.

"Bob Vogel had a vision of developing an international presence on campus to broaden the experience of U.S. students," said Hawley, a former administrator with Teachers College, Columbia University in Afghanistan.

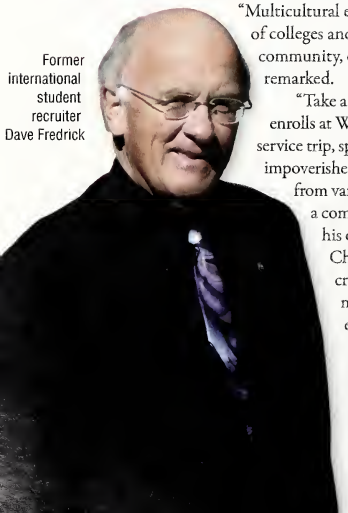
Vogel's vision, in fact, was a two-way street that included more study-abroad experiences for American students, expansion of May Term courses, music tours, and internship programs.

Faculty, staff, students, and alumni strongly backed the initiative, said Dave Fredrick '65, a former career diplomat who led the recruiting efforts from 1996 to 2009.

"Multicultural education is a necessary feature of colleges and universities now. It serves our community, our nation and, indeed, the world," he remarked.

"Take a young man from Wisconsin who enrolls at Wartburg, minors in Spanish, takes a service trip, spends a week in Central America with impoverished farmers, spends time with students from various countries, graduates, works for a company with China connections, starts his own business linking American and Chinese producers. He learned about cross-cultural life at Wartburg. There are now hundreds of stories like this --- more every year."

"There is also a broader goal," Fredrick added, "the advancement of peace and understanding around the world. Wartburg College has a strong role to play in that."



Former international student recruiter Dave Fredrick

Yvonne Ayesiga '13 from Kampala, Uganda, with Chris Haymaker and his wife, Dr. Cynthia Bane, and their adopted son, Haile, from Ethiopia.

That idealism merged with pragmatism.

"Over the years," Fredrick said, "there was a growing recognition on campus and in all Iowa's higher-education institutions that population growth in Iowa was declining, and that new markets for students had to be developed. International recruiting became part of the solution."

Both Hawley and Fredrick relied on their overseas experiences.

During his seven-year stint as an international recruiter, Hawley, aided by administrative assistant Dorothy Diers (whose husband, Herman, was overseeing Wartburg's Study Abroad program), increased international enrollment by nearly 20 percent.

Wartburg made inroads into Malaysia, which was providing scholarships to students to study abroad, and

with a Japanese two-year college. Hawley also developed relationships with USAID contractors in Washington, D.C., and the Lutheran Church.

He is proud of the accomplishments of international students recruited during his tenure. "Many of our international students have become outstanding leaders and entrepreneurs."

"Azmil Zabidi is now the Malaysian ambassador to Vietnam. A student who was a charismatic campus leader (Ahsan "Sunny" Chowdhury '92), is now the CEO of the second-largest company in Bangladesh with factories in five countries around the world. A Malaysian graduate (Tajul Tahir '85) was elected as the youngest member of the Malaysian Stock Exchange.

"I admitted a student from Indonesia (Otto Rusli '91) without adequate English skills because he had a perfect 10 on the national math exams. He graduated from Wartburg and went on to earn a graduate degree from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He now has a business in Singapore. A student from India (Rohit Roy '90), who was elected Wartburg Homecoming king, is the chief executive officer of one of the largest grain-importing firms in India. A student (Obed Mensah '89) who was elected Wartburg senior class president is now an official with the World Bank in his native Ghana."

When Fredrick took the job three years after Hawley's retirement, only 41 international students were on campus. To rebuild the numbers, he capitalized on contacts that he and his wife Merry, who now directs Self-Help International, had made in the foreign service, particularly in Africa. Current fourth-year students Shalom Nwaokolo and Adamu Muhammad said a counselor at the U.S. embassy in Nigeria who had known Fredrick recommended the college.

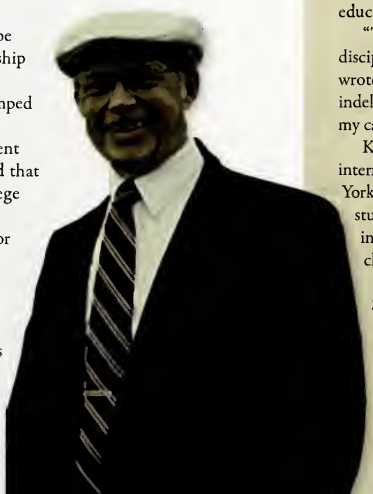
Fredrick continued to cultivate ties with Japan, which, he said, "probably has the largest number of Wartburg alumni of any country outside the U.S.

"Participation in U.S. Department of State exchange programs," he said, "brought us students from Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Russia, Khrygistan, and Pakistan. For several years in the 1990s, the government of Uzbekistan selected Wartburg College to be part of the President's Scholarship program."

Sometimes Lady Luck trumped the best-laid plans.

Fredrick recalls one student whose mother recommended that he visit a fortune-teller, college guidebook in hand.

"The fortune-teller asked for the guidebook, opened it and put his finger on 'Wartburg College,' and said, 'That is where you are going,'" Fredrick said. "He applied, was accepted, and came here!"



Former Wartburg Dean of Students Kent Hawley

Sisters reflect international students' gratitude for a Wartburg education

The value of a Wartburg education — indeed, the Wartburg experience — is something many international students appreciate. Sisters Nwabunie '09 and Chikemma Nwana '11 grew up in Lagos, Nigeria, with a population of nearly 8 million, but longed for an education in the United States.

Nwabunie Nwana

Nwabunie, who would graduate cum laude in biochemistry and chemistry, was lured by Wartburg's financial aid "generosity" and "its proud and characteristic liberal education."

"Kemma" followed two years later, appreciative of a scholarship and Wartburg's environment.

"Having attended a high school with about 5,000 students, I was interested in a small school capable of providing the best quality education I could afford," she wrote. "Wartburg certainly met that."

Chikemma Nwana

Campus life was an antidote for Nwabunie's initial homesickness.

"I embraced the Orange Spirit and became active in organizations like service trips and residence life (resident assistant), and this helped me adapt to life as a Wartburg student," she said.

Kemma appreciated the campus support system.

"The different departments, such as Pathways, Residential Life, International Programs, and the employment office, worked well to provide a seamless transition for me and other international students," she said. "We were listened to and were given support both morally and educationally."

The bottom line was the academic experience.

Nwabunie, now working on her master's degree in public health at Emory University in Atlanta and interning at the Centers for Disease Control, appreciated the "holistic" approach of a liberal arts education.

"Taking classes in other disciplines aside from my primary discipline in the sciences gave me a well-rounded education," she wrote. "Wartburg's core values of leadership and service are now an indelible part of my character, and I know it will strongly influence my career choice and growth in public health."

Kemma, the outstanding senior in computer information systems, interned and now is a technology analyst at Credit Suisse in New York City. She complimented her professors for providing "a friendly student-teacher relationship which made me comfortable to walk into their office for better clarification on topics discussed in class."

Nwabunie summed up her Wartburg experience at the 2009 Senior Dinner.

"Through this great institution," she said. "I have learned the value of leadership and service, faith and reflection. Most importantly, I have learned to be the best and give my best."

MR. AMBASSADOR

Prophetic Wartburg nickname for Malaysian diplomat

by Saul Shapiro

When Azmil Zabidi '86 arrived at Wartburg College in 1980, Dean of Students Kent Hawley referred to the Malaysian student as "Mr. Ambassador."

The nickname would prove prophetic.

Zabidi, a career diplomat, is the Malaysian ambassador to Vietnam, having formally presented his credentials to President Truong Tan Sang on Aug. 29, 2011. Zabidi told the *Vietnam News*, "I would like to take Malaysia-Vietnam relations to greater heights in whatever way I can."

Azmil Zabidi with twins Aris and Elena, wife Karen, and Alif.

He envisions increased trade and investment between Vietnam and Malaysia, its fifth largest investor. The two Southeast Asian nations do $5 billion in business annually, an estimated 185,000 Vietnamese work in Malaysia, and considerable tourist traffic exists.

For Zabidi, his latest posting followed a series of promotions taking him around the world. But when he enrolled at Wartburg, Zabidi was interested in architecture, which he studied in high school in England, where his father was stationed with the Malaysian government.

Hawley, though, envisioned a foreign-service career for "Mr. Ambassador." "He had the backdrop of impeccable English, had gone to British schools, and came from a very established family," Hawley said.

"I had no idea why he gave me such a revered title." Zabidi recalled. "But when I decided to give up architecture, I became more and more interested in the foreign service, given my exposure to diplomatic life."

He switched his major to English because, Zabidi remarked, "the English language plays a pivotal role in this career."

Yet Hawley was wary that the young Zabidi was undiplomatically outspoken during his early days on campus.

"I had questions about him being a diplomat. 'If you're going to be a diplomat,' I told him, 'you have to develop better relationships with people.'"

Zabidi was 9 years old when his father was posted to New Zealand in 1970. They returned home when he was 13 for less than two years. Then it was off to London.

Thoughts about matriculating to a college in the United Kingdom were dashed when Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Party government raised tuition threefold for foreign students, making the cost prohibitive.

Zabidi went to a Malaysian agency to select a college. "I found Wartburg to be a very attractive education venue, even though it was located in a town with only 7,000 people at the time."

"Waverly," he discovered, "proved to be quite a culture shock. I overcame this very quickly, owing to the warmth and welcoming nature of some members of the college community, in particular Kent Hawley, who took a keen interest in the welfare of foreign students."

Wartburg had become home to a sizeable Malaysian contingent -- as many as 25 students at one time, according to Hawley. Many were on government scholarships, although fewer when Zabidi arrived in January 1981.

"There was a program sponsored by the previous prime minister in Malaysia trying to get the Malays educated abroad so that they could take over some positions of leadership in the country," Hawley said. "They had a scholarship program, and we tapped into it."

Zeb, a nickname acquired in England (derived from his surname), became immersed in extracurricular activities, if not educational pursuits, and then dropped out.

"In the first two-and-a half years at Wartburg, I was extremely active, too active in fact, with campus activities," he said. "I helped establish the Cultural Enhancement Committee with Jamie Fecher, a theology student.

Azmil Mohd Zabidi '86, the Malaysian ambassador to Vietnam, attended the September 2011 groundbreaking for the Hai Duong BOT Thermal Power Plant Project, 65 miles from Hanoi. The event was organized by JAKS Hai Duong Power Company Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of a Malaysian-owned company, with the cooperation of the Vietnam Ministry of Industry and Trade.

As International Club president, I raised funds for activities, such as parties and outings, which we frequently had.

"I guess I got too absorbed in activities not altogether related to education," he added, "and I really needed to take stock of things."

He returned to Malaysia between May 1983 and January 1985, then he decided to re-enroll at Wartburg — "the most sensible choice as I already had credits there."

Back on campus, Zabidi penned a *Trumpet* cartoon strip, "The World According to Z." Coincidentally, "Z's" world would soon change.

Karen Low, the younger sister of fellow Malaysian student Adeline Low '86 had just arrived on campus. Like Zabidi, she had an interest in architecture, but he believes the catalyst for their relationship was his "cute little Fiat Spider sports car that turned heads."

The couple married in August 1988 at the Story County Courthouse in Ames after Karen had transferred to Iowa State. "That was a good marriage for him," Hawley said.

Karen earned her Bachelor of Architecture degree in December 1990, while Zeb obtained his master's degree in English literature at ISU.

Zabidi joined the Malaysian government service in late 1991. His career path has included stops and a variety of roles in Brussels, Belgium; Amman, Jordan; Wellington, New Zealand; and two tours in China — all interspersed with some time on the homefront in Malaysia and countless visits to other locales.

Since 2003, most of Zabidi's time had been spent in China — four years in Beijing as deputy ambassador with the rank of minister counselor, followed by three years as the Malaysian counsel general in Shanghai.

"I did a great deal of reporting on current affairs of interest to Malaysia, as well as consular work, including rescuing Malaysian companies and individuals in trouble and, of course, attending diplomatic affairs. Needless to say, that was the most fun," he remarked, adding that his work in Shanghai, the commercial hub of China, was quite similar.

As ambassador to Vietnam, Zabidi is responsible for the embassy in Hanoi and the consulate in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon).

"I also have the overarching task of trying to enhance bilateral relations between Malaysia and Vietnam, but don't envisage that this will be too difficult a task, since a strong foundation is already there," he stated in an email correspondence.

He got a head start on his new duties by accompanying President Truong Tan Sang in Malaysia last July.

"I was with him throughout the state visit," Zabidi stated, "and he was very pleased with the arrangements and particularly the outcome. Now I'm working very hard to get my prime minister to pay an official visit to Vietnam."

The life of a diplomat has allowed the Zabidis and their three children to see the world, but he is concerned that minimal time in their homeland has meant "my children lack the ability to speak in their mother tongue, the Malay language."

Alif, 19, is at the University of Kent in Canterbury, England, studying political science, international relations, and Chinese and Japanese culture. Twins Elena and Aris, 15, are in the 10th grade at the United Nations International School in Hanoi.

As the wife of a diplomat, Karen is precluded from working, but she is involved in service endeavors. Previously, she did project management and designed a housing development in Putrajaya, where virtually all government offices are located, south of the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lampur.

Zeb has come a long way since being president of the Wartburg International Club.

"Highlights (of being an ambassador) would include meeting with world leaders, being at the same meeting table with them, and dining with them," he stated. "Others would be the privilege of going to places where others would not be allowed, and my personal favorite, receiving my credentials from His Majesty, the King of Malaysia, and presenting the same document to the President of Vietnam — as well as having a chat with him afterward!"

Wartburg Choir GIVES A CAPITOL PERFORMANCE

Surprise White House message leads to busy day in Washington, D.C.

by Michael L. Sherer

When invited to give a command performance in the nation's most prestigious living room, the Wartburg Choir didn't hesitate — singing at the White House Dec. 17.

Sixty vocalists, director Dr. Lee Nelson, and world-renowned bass baritone Simon Estes, Wartburg distinguished professor and artist-in-residence, performed for visiting tourists in a compact space in the front room of the executive mansion late that afternoon and early evening.

To make it a very full day, the choir performed at the historic National Cathedral that morning during the annual Bethlehem Prayer Service.

The road to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. was a story in itself.

Nelson received a phone call from the White House sometime before Homecoming. Unfortunately, he was out of the office when the message came. Pondering whether to respond to a callback request that seemed a little like a student prank (or, God forbid, a Luther College prank?), he hesitated.

The message from the White House Visitors Office was genuine, inspired by the choir's 2010 "Flood My Soul with Spirit and Life" tour program which grew out of the floods that had inundated Waverly and much of eastern Iowa two years earlier.

"Someone in the White House called to say they had heard the 'Flood My Soul with Spirit and Life' album on iTunes," Nelson said. "They talked about the message behind the tour, listened to the music, liked what they had heard, and then apparently went on our website to find out more about us."

When Nelson broached the possibility — an application process was still required and the availability of the Dec. 17 date immediately after finals was in doubt — choir members were stunned, then elated.

"Dr. Nelson told us, 'We have an interesting opportunity.' He didn't reveal what it actually was until he laid out all the contingencies," said Hannah Haupt '12. "When we found out it was a chance to sing at the White House, it took a few seconds for it to sink in. Then there was shock, and then excitement."

In essence, it affirmed a decision Haupt, a social work major from Winona, Minn., made four years earlier.

"I didn't want to come to Wartburg initially," she admits. "My parents are both alums, and they wanted me to at least give the school a look. I'm really glad I did. Being here has been life-changing for me."

Then, through the efforts of the Rev. Ramona Bouzard, Wartburg's dean of the chapel, the National Cathedral engagement arose. The annual Bethlehem Prayer Service is simulcast via satellite, linking Christians with their counterparts in Bethlehem, West Bank (Palestine).

Bouzard connected with Wartburg emeritus professor of religion Dr. Fred Strickert, who now serves the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Old City Jerusalem and was one of the clergy leading worship at Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem.

The White House Visitors Office had limited the choir to 30 because of the size of the venue, but provided Wartburg with a unique opportunity to do two performances, which enabled 60 of the 84 choir members to sing there. Seniority was the determining factor for selection. Each group sang for nearly three hours.

Megan DeBoer '12, a music major from Blooming Prairie, Minn., said going to D.C. was a special treat — and an honor. "Last spring the choir went to Europe. That was great. But so is this. How often do you get to go to the White House?"

Someone at the White House evidently agrees. During the concert, a messenger descended from the president's quarters (the first family was in the private residence that afternoon) with a simple message: "The people upstairs want to thank you for the wonderful Christmas music."

Michael Sherer '63, a retired Lutheran pastor and journalist, lives with his wife, Kathe '66, in Waverly.

(opposite)

1 Portrait of President Bill Clinton is visible behind the Wartburg Choir at the White House.

2 Claire Traynor stands across the street from the U.S. Capitol.

3 The Wartburg Choir tours the White House.

4 One contingent of choir members poses for a photo.

5 The Wartburg Choir gathers outside the White House.

6 & 9 The Choir sings at the National Cathedral.

7 & 8 Choir members perform for visitors at the White House.

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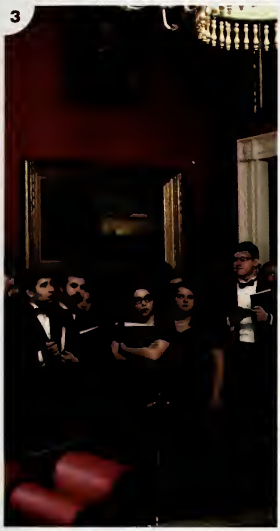

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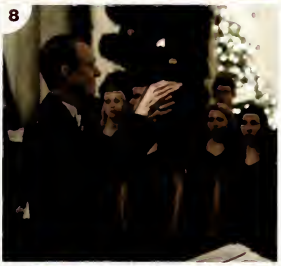

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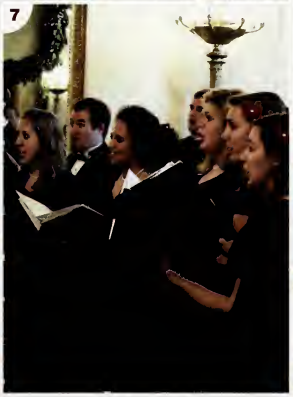

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Capt. Dan Grinstead worked with 2,000 soldiers in Afghanistan

CALL OF DUTY

Alumnus helps social work department aid military families

by Sarah Boraas

The experiences of Capt. Dan Grinstead '72 during his one-year deployment in Afghanistan have spurred changes in Wartburg College's social work program.

Grinstead, a medical social worker at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, enlisted at age 58 in the Iowa Army National Guard's Co C 334th BSB. In Afghanistan, he was first stationed at Bagram Airfield — home to approximately 30,000 coalition troops — and later at Forward Operating Base Mehtar Lam, the capital of Laghman Province. He was responsible for working with 2,000 soldiers.

The insights Grinstead gained are now being incorporated into the Wartburg curriculum, beginning with a Winter Term 2012 Inquiry Studies course, Military Culture and Families.

The Wartburg social work department hosted Grinstead in October as it formulated a first-of-its-kind undergraduate program in Iowa to help military families.

"There's nothing that teaches better than real-life experiences," said Dr. Susan Vallem, social work professor, after Grinstead spoke to her classes.

"Dan helped us understand that the military is a whole other culture," she added. "It's structured, and many times members of the military become closer to each other than their own families. It's a hard transition to come home from."

Social work courses will include an understanding of the military culture, helping families make the transition to change, and working with children who must adjust to deployment and life in the military.

"Soldiers are a lot harder to understand," Grinstead said. "In order to truly help them, you must earn their respect. That's what I aimed to do."

Grinstead experienced rocket attacks, suicide bomb attacks, and was surrounded by violence 24/7 while in Afghanistan.

"No place is safe, ever. Soldiers' stress levels are at a constant high, and soldiers learn to fully rely on each other," he said. "The most difficult thing I had to do was to talk to soldiers who blamed themselves for the death of another soldier."

Twelve of the soldiers he was responsible for were killed — all honored at a memorial service with a flag, their picture, their boots, and their helmet placed atop their inverted rifle.

"I approached the situation by encouraging soldiers to use bad experiences as motivation. In bad situations, the best thing is to re-frame it into something you can learn from," he said.

Grinstead was amazed by the incredible character he witnessed.

"After a suicide bomber attacked coalition troops at Forward Operating Base Gamberi, the wounded helped those near-to-death or dead. These soldiers helped each other even when they were wounded themselves," he recalled.

"I can't tell you the amount of times I heard 'I could have done better,' or 'I'm just doing my job. That's character," he added.

"I approached the situation by encouraging soldiers to use bad experiences as motivation. In bad situations, the best thing is to re-frame it into something you can learn from."

Wartburg College is the only undergraduate program teaching students how to work with military families. Because of the desperate need with returning soldiers, the hope is that this will change. The State of Iowa also is incorporating changes in programs it oversees to better serve returning members of the National Guard.

The Iowa National Guard Warrior and Family Services Branch provides education, training, information, and resources to military families throughout the state on aspects of deployment and mental, emotional, spiritual, and physical health. Networks and staff support are available at various sites and online.

Jeremy Van Wyk, the state youth coordinator, will share the program information and its importance with Wartburg social work majors.

"Stepping up as Wartburg has done to offer curriculum focused on military life and supporting military families is a huge step in the right direction," Van Wyk said. "The goal is to prepare the next generation of service providers to begin offering support to those in the military community.

"If someone is willing to risk life, give up time with family, and make the sacrifices service members do, our duty as citizens is to ensure they are receiving the resources and support they need back home," he added.

Orange Spirit

Fate led Alumni Board President Shon Cook to Wartburg

by Saul Shapiro

"Destiny itself is like a wonderful wide tapestry in which every thread is guided by an unspeakably tender hand, placed beside another thread and held and carried by a hundred others," wrote the Austro-German poet Rainer Maria Rilke.

The tapestry guiding Shon Cook's destiny has been woven with many orange threads.

Cook '91, a Michigan attorney, is Alumni Board president and a Wartburg regent. As a Wartburg student, she earned accolades in academics and athletics.

But when she graduated from high school in Strawberry Point, college wasn't even on Cook's radar.

Then orange threads would weave their way into her life, "nurturing and challenging" her, as fate would have it.

"It did not look like I was going to college," Cook recalled. "My parents did not have the money, and I had no idea what to do or how to do it."

She tagged along with a friend who did have college ambitions for a meeting with a Wartburg admissions counselor.

Shon Cook rides with Alumni President-elect Del Doherty in the 2011 Homecoming parade.

"He asked me about my grades and ACT and told me about Scholarship Days," she said. "I signed up, but couldn't make it because of an ice storm."

But Cook persisted.

"I came to campus about a week later and competed," she said. "I won a Regents Scholarship, and everything was paid for. Kind of a strong sign, don't you think? I never visited another school. I was so lucky to just get to go to college, let alone Wartburg. I feel like Wartburg chose me."

"Wartburg was more than a place to learn. It became my family, my home and my support base. It still remains the place that I return to and just feel like I am driving into my yard all over again."

Cook majored in political science and psychology and earned outstanding senior recognition in both.

She lettered in softball all four years, gaining academic All-American honors and setting single-season and career earned-run-average records that still stand. Those achievements were recognized in 2006 when she was inducted into the Wartburg Athletic Hall of Fame.

Cook is modest about her accomplishments on the mound.

"I never thought I was very good, but Wartburg made me believe differently," she said. "I guess there are still a few records, but I was never aware when they were set. I am uncertain why I am in the Hall of Fame, but it's a big deal for a kid from Strawberry Point."

Wartburg, she remarked, taught her life skills, leadership, confidence, and "some good old-fashioned common sense." It also was a sanctuary of sorts, providing invaluable personalized attention.

"When I got to Wartburg, there were some really tough things happening in my family's life. I needed a place that was safe and that I could call home," Cook said. "I needed people to care about me and to be my support network.

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To paraphrase a vintage TV show, sometimes "Wartburg knew best."

"The coaches and profs worked together so that things could happen for me," she said. "I was not going to play softball my senior year. I had signed up for Wartburg West in the spring. Coach (Dick) Walker changed Wartburg West to the fall and switched all my classes without telling me. When he did tell me, he just said that he did what was best for me, and that I needed every part of Wartburg."

Wartburg was the launching pad for a successful career. She earned a law degree at Creighton University and passed the Michigan bar exam in 1994.

She had been a partner in the firm of Williams Hughes and Cook, in Muskegon, Mich., until January, when she started her own practice, specializing in family law.

The move enables Cook to work closer to her Twin Lake home, where she lives with her husband, Eric Stevens, and three children — Sophia, Elizabeth, and Samuel.

"I continue to practice family law litigation and mediation, helping families find answers to some of life's most difficult moments," she said. "It is time that I am on my own so I can provide a different level of service. Every day of our life is a bit of a new beginning. This is just a little bigger beginning than any other day."

Amid her busy schedule, she remains committed to Wartburg. "The Alumni Board has rejuvenated my Orange Spirit and given me a wonderful reconnection to the college," Cook said.

And she tries to connect others.

"I am constantly talking to parents, coaches, and teachers here in Michigan about the value of Wartburg and urging them to check out the website, contact the professors, or ride with me back to Iowa," she said. "I do it to perfect strangers, and it makes my kids nuts. I just contacted a local cross country coach to tell him about Wartburg's amazing running history and how to contact (Wartburg cross country coach) Steve Johnson.

"I feel that part of my mission is to make sure that kids, parents, coaches, and teachers know that there is another place to call home."

Reid and Shon Cook both bleed Orange.

Among those now calling Wartburg home is her half-brother, Reid Cook '15, a premed biology major. Despite the age difference, the siblings are close, and big sister has had a Be Orange influence on him.

"She recruited me — subconsciously from about the time I was 12 and very seriously the last few years," Reid said. "She took me to football games, got me into the High School Leadership Institute program, and convinced me this is a great place to go to school. It also helped that I attended three All-State camps at Wartburg.

"The other big reason for coming here was the ability to pursue both my degree and my love of music," Reid added. He hopes to pursue research in biology and is a member of the Castle Singers and Symphonic Band.

Reid's enrollment at Wartburg, Shon said, allows her to see the college now from the perspective of "a business owner, a parent, and the sister of a current student."

"Wartburg has changed in the physical structure, but the heart and the mission have never altered," she said. "We are focused on the future of every student and what that student will contribute to his/her world. Perhaps the only change is that we are just getting better and better at it."

McIntire stars in Indoor Football League

United Bowl MVP takes his talents to new team

by Kristin Canning

It's no surprise that Brian McIntire '05 is pressed for time.

He is linebacker in the Indoor Football League, father of three, and holds down a full-time job and a high school coaching gig during his off-season.

This year he got a change of venue on the gridiron.

McIntire moved from the league champion Sioux Falls Storm to the new Cedar Rapids Titans. The 16-team league began its season in March. It ends in mid-July with the United Bowl.

The Clear Lake native, who spent six seasons in Sioux Falls, is now closer to family and friends.

"I'm excited to try something new," McIntire said. "It's time to move on and win in Iowa."

McIntire won four championships with the Storm. In the 2011 United Bowl victory over Tri-Cities (Pasco, Wash.), he was the Most Valuable Player with 14 tackles, a sack, and an interception for a touchdown.

"That's what you work for all off-season, preparing for that point," he said. "That national title is the culminating factor."

McIntire's passion for football is clear. He devotes hours every day to the sport, whether practicing, competing on Saturdays, or coaching his alma mater, Clear Lake High.

"You try to pass on your knowledge to kids to prepare them. Hopefully they listen and run with it like I did," he said.

He got his first taste of success when his high school team won a state title. At Wartburg, he set his eyes on a national championship.

McIntire accepts congratulations after being named the United Bowl MVP with 14 tackles, a sack, and an interception for a touchdown. *(Photo by Tom Slattery. tslat.com)*

"The style Wartburg plays is physical football," he said. "You have to be tough to play at Wartburg, physically and mentally."

Coach Rick Willis thought he fit right in.

"He's hard-nosed, tough, competitive, smart, and versatile. He made everyone else better by setting the expectation bar high and doing everything he could do to help the team reach its goals," Willis said.

McIntire was part of three straight conference titles. He earned All-Conference honors three times and was an NCAA Division III All-American in 2004. But that national trophy eluded him.

"I never got that national title like I wanted," he said. "I'd give all my individual titles away just for a chance to play Linfield (Ore.) in the second round." (Linfield defeated the Knights, 23-20, in the second round in 2003 on a last-second field goal.)

A Wartburg coach sent film of the 6-1, 215 McIntire to the Storm.

"They liked the way I played and asked if I wanted to keep going. I said 'yes.'"

It was another chance to achieve his championship dream.

"When I walked in the door, they were 8-8, and when I came in that was the goal — to win a national title," he said. "In two years, it happened. I wish I could share the success I've had with the Storm with my friends at Wartburg."

Willis has no doubt McIntire will excel with the Titans.

"He's the type of player who wills himself and his teams to success," Willis said. "I think his recent success with Sioux Falls will give him a great deal of credibility. I think he'll be instantly recognized as a team leader."

McIntire admits, "I'm not the most athletic guy out there, but no one can outwork me. It's all work ethic. You just have to have a motor that never stops."

He added, "If you didn't love to play, you couldn't play at this level. You don't get paid much, and it's a revolving door. If you don't play well one week, you could be out."

McIntire has another dream to fulfill.

"If I could work out with an NFL team, I would retire," he said. "I'm just a small-town kid who went to a small college. I'm working my way up, trying to get noticed."

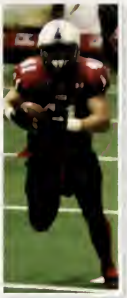
Outside of football, he spends time with his wife, Jillian, and their children, ages 1, 3, and 5. He works for his father at Glen's Tire Service in Clear Lake.

"I try to balance family life with work and working out. I love being with my family and spoiling my kids," he said. "When I'm not having fun playing football anymore, I'll retire right there."

That won't happen any time soon.

"I love the competition. It's probably what keeps me wanting to play," he said. "You have to keep your eye on it, get those rings, keep the dream alive."

Kristin Canning '14 is a communication arts major from Lisbon.



Brian McIntire '05 returns an interception for a touchdown in the 2011 United Bowl game won by the Sioux Falls Storm. (Photo by Tom Slattery, tslat.com).

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Football

Senior defensive end ***Matt Tschetter*** **'12** (Milford) was third-team All-Region and third-team D3Proday.com All-American in football (8-2 overall, 6-2 Iowa Athletic Conference). ***Logan Hansen*** **'12** (Glennville, Minn.) was named a Capital One First-team Academic All-District.

First-team All-Conference honors went to ***Kevin Huss*** **'12** (Ashton), offensive line; ***Josh VanDenHul*** **'12** (North Sioux City, S.D.), defensive back; ***Tschetter*** and ***Robby Salmon*** **'12** (Mason City), punter; ***Garrett McGrane*** **'13** (Fairbank), defensive back; and ***Jason Shupp*** **'13** (Cedar Rapids), linebacker.

Volleyball

Junior ***Britlyn Sieck*** and sophomore ***Ramey Sieck*** (Fayette) were first-team IIAC in volleyball (24-11, 7-1). The sisters were All-Region honorable mention.

Men's Soccer

Men's soccer (8-10-1, 4-4) placed ***Brandon Cook*** **'13** (Bondurant), midfield, and ***Bob Brown*** **'14** (Solon), defense, on the IIAC first team. ***Jared Nelson*** **'14** (Johnston) and junior ***Neil Shields*** **'13** (Adel) were Capital One Academic All-District second-team selections.

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team (17-2-3, 7-0-1) advanced to the NCAA tournament second round. ***Katy Wendt*** **'12** (Bettendorf) was a National Soccer Coaches of America Association third-team All-American — the only repeat All-American in program history. She was also conference MVP, an Academic All-American, and won an NCAA post graduate scholarship. Three players were named All-Region first team for the first time in school history — ***Wendt, Anna Aquino*** **'14** (Bettendorf), and ***Chelsea Frye*** **'12** (Waverly). ***Mackenzie Moore*** **'12** (Cedar Rapids), defense. ***Wendt, Frye,*** and ***Aquino*** were first-team IIAC.

Men's Cross Country

Men's cross country took third at the conference championships and 10th in the Central Regional. ***Grant Moser*** **'12** (Wapello) and ***Sam Read*** **'14** (Marion) were All-Conference runners.

Women's Golf

The women golfers won their fifth-straight IIAC championship, earning an automatic NCAA bid. ***Paige Klostermann*** **'12** (Dyersville), ***Kelsi Sawatzky*** **'13** (Ankeny), and ***Morgan McMillan*** **'15** (Waukon) earned All-Conference honors. They return for a spring season before competing in the nationals.

Women's Tennis

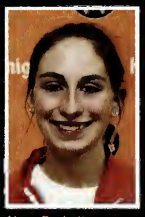
The women's tennis team placed third at the conference team championships. ***Michelle MacKenzie*** **'13** (Waverly) took second in individual singles, and ***Emily Petersen*** **'13** (Burlington) was third.

All-Americans

Forty-seven fall student-athletes were named Academic All-Conference — at least a sophomore with a 3.5 or better GPA — women's soccer and men's cross country, nine; women's cross country and men's soccer, seven; football, six; women's tennis, four; and women's golf and volleyball, three.

Laura Sigmund

Haddie Vawter



Alana Enabnit

Sammi Bruett

Emily Eimers

Turning on the afterburners

Fantastic finish transforms good to great for cross country team

by KatieJo Kuhens

Wartburg women's cross country team ran into the record books in 2011. Under the tutelage of Coach Steve Johnson — in his 23rd year at the helm — the women finished the regular season ranked No. 27 nationally and fifth in the Central Region, then rocketed to conference and regional titles and a sixth-place NCAA Division III finish.

The Knights captured their third Iowa Conference crown in four years by a margin of 17 points over Luther. Johnson, who coaches both the women's and men's teams, was named the IIAC Coach of the Year for the 26th time overall.

Four runners — senior Emily Eimers (Lone Rock), second; freshman Alana Enabnit (Clear Lake), third; senior Laura Sigmund (Stanhope), fourth; and sophomore Sammi Bruett (Urbandale), sixth — were named All-Conference. The Knights have had multiple runners receive All-Conference accolades for 16 consecutive years.

Enabit and Sigmund, who both had been sidelined with injuries, were the catalysts in the postseason surge.

Wartburg won the Central Regional Championship two weeks later for the first time since 2008 and ninth time in program history, finishing 22 points ahead of favored Carleton and qualifying for the NCAA championships.

All-region honors went to Enabnit, second; Eimers, eighth; Sigmund, 13th; Bruett, 15th; and Haddie Vawter (Union), 25th.

The Knights took sixth a week later at the nationals — their highest finish since 2008 and the seventh Top 10 finish in school history.

Enabnit, seventh, and Eimers, 20th, received All-American honors, marking the first time since 1994 that multiple Wartburg runners have received that honor. Bruett, 69; Sigmund, 70; and Vawter, 115, were the Knights' other Top 5 finishers.

Enabnit was competing in only her 10th cross country race ever. Because cross country conflicted with regional figure-skating events, she didn't begin until her senior year in high school, when she ran seven races. Injuries limited her to three races at Wartburg.

"I was extremely excited to compete for this team because there was a very talented field of seniors who knew as a team we had the opportunity to do great things," Enabnit said. "I'm extremely proud of everyone's hard work, including the trainers and the coaches."

Enabnit said Johnson spurred her development.

"I didn't have much coaching in high school that was specific to each runner," Enabnit said. "He is very individual with each person and completely invested in every single runner, whether you are the top runner, the bottom runner, or injured.

"He told me if I never ran a day in a Wartburg uniform this season, he would still be completely invested in me. He also encouraged me with my injury. God has a reason for everything, and that helped me keep the big picture in mind."

Eimers' All-American honors fulfilled a lifelong dream.

"It's absolutely incredible. As a freshman, I wasn't even in contention for the JV team," she remarked. "I was the second-to-last runner, and my biggest thing was I started believing in myself.

"Coming into this year, we had really high expectations. In the summer, we set up what we wanted," she added. "We were able to cross off every single one of our goals, which was really cool. Always believe anything is possible. Dream big and go after it."

KatieJo Kuhens '07 is Wartburg's sports information director.

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1932

The Rev. **REINHARD BECKMAN,** Syracuse, Neb., celebrated his 100th birthday on Jan. 23. The day before, he preached at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church. Before his retirement, he served four parishes in Nebraska, was administrator at The Good Samaritan Society Nursing Home in Syracuse, and chaired the national board of directors of The Good Samaritan Society.

1948

ROBERT WAGNER, Grand Rapids, Minn., was named one of two Itasca County 2011 Outstanding Senior Citizen Volunteers of the Year. He was honored Aug. 19 during Senior Day at the Itasca County Fair. He serves as a Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counselor, works at a center for the homeless, and volunteers as a driving instructor of the AARP Driver Safety Program. He is active at his church and chairs the YMCA Bike Club.

1952

FREDERICK "FRITZ" STEINHAUER, Madison, Wis., and his family were honored with the 2011 United Way of Dane County Tocqueville Society Award. The award recognized Steinhauer, his late wife, Nancie '53, and their five children for their major impact on the quality of life in Dane County through exceptional service and philanthropy.

Dr. **ROBERT KOEHLER**, Normal, Ill., received the 2011 Pop Horton Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. The award recognizes outstanding service and leadership to the organization at the state and national levels. Koehler is a retired faculty member at Illinois State University, where he also coached a nationally ranked wrestling program. He was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2006. He is the author of three books, and was involved for many years with the U.S. Olympic Academy and the International Olympic Committee.

1953

Dr. **CHARLES LUTZ**, Minneapolis, Minn., received the 2011 Honorary Award of the Vincent L. Hawkinson Foundation for Peace and Justice on Oct. 9. The annual award honors persons who have devoted their lives to promoting peace and justice. The Foundation was established in 1988 to honor the late Rev. Vincent L. Hawkinson, who served 30 years as pastor of Grace University Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

1954

Dr. **PAUL DARNAUER**, Hedgesville, W.V., was recognized on Sept. 23 by the West Virginia CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Association as 2011 Volunteer of the Year. CASAs are appointed to provide a voice in court for children who, because of abuse or neglect, are placed outside their own homes.

1962
50th Reunion May 24-27

GENE JANSSEN, Edina, Minn., president of the Ostfriesen Genealogical Society of America, presented a lecture on Ostfriesian emigration at a conference in Emden, Germany, sponsored by the Upstalsboom-Gesellschaft of Ostfriesland as well as the state of Lower Saxon and the Dutch government. Janssen has translated a number of books about Ostfriesian history and culture and has compiled a database of 24,500 names and information on Ostfriesian immigrants in the United States.

1963

The Rev. **MICHAEL SHERER**, Waverly, was commissioned to write a 75-year anniversary history of the Wartburg Choir. The publication will be ready for distribution at Homecoming 2012.

1965

LARRY OLK, Sheffield, was inducted into the Iowa Democratic Party's 2011 Hall of Fame. He received the Creech Award for his outstanding service as Franklin County chairman, crossing county borders to build a regional communications network of Democratic legislators and veterans organizations.

1969

The Rev. **Dr. WARREN FREIHEIT,** Hot Springs Village, Ark., resigned as Bishop of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to accept a call as pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, where he began work on July 1. He was serving his second term as bishop after first being elected in 2000.

1970

ROSETTA WARREN GIBSON, Park Forest, Ill., retired after 26 years with Governors State University, University Park.

SUE HIX, Princeton, Minn., was named 2011 Volunteer of the Year for Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge. The award recognized her more than 1,000 hours of volunteer service to the refuge over the past 12 years, as well as her role as president of Friends of Sherburne.

1971

BRUCE GARBERDING, Seattle, Wash., was appointed senior manager for the Seattle Senior Housing Program, operated by his longtime employer, the Seattle Housing Authority. The program offers 1,000 units of affordable housing for seniors across the city of Seattle.

Dr. **SUSAN INFELT-WORK,** Lincolnshire, Ill., president of Holy Family Ministries in Chicago, was interviewed on a PBS television show, *Religion and Ethics*, for a segment that aired nationally in April 2011, exploring the recent growth of Holy Family School and featuring other ministries of the organization. The PBS crew also filmed an event hosted by Wartburg Board of Regents chair Ray McCaskey '65 and his wife, Judy '65, to introduce potential new friends to Holy Family. http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/episodes/april-15-2011/holy-family-ministries/8590/

JANIS VAN AHN, Polk City, received statewide recognition from Group Benefits, Ltd. (GBL) as a 2011 Top Health Insurance Agent based on her work with the individual insurance market and with employer group benefits. She is the owner and sole producer at Health Insurance Advisor, LLC, in Urbandale.

1972
Homecoming Reunion Oct. 18-21

1973

NANCY MICHELS EVANS, Minneapolis, Minn., is one of 32 Unsung Legal Heroes recognized in the September 2011 issue of *Minnesota Lawyer* magazine. The award recognizes the state's most talented and dedicated legal support professionals. Evans is in environmental regulatory affairs with Winthrop & Weinstine.

1975

KAREN HEYING, Washington, D.C., is a senior adviser on state initiatives to the Federal Office of Head Start, a national program that provides comprehensive child development services to economically disadvantaged children and families.

CRAIG LIMING, Hereford, Ariz., won the Oct. 8 Cochise County Cycling Classic, completing the 45-mile race with a time of 1:57:7. He holds the event record, set in 2003 with a time of 1:53:8, and also won in 2004, 2006, and 2007.

1976

DIANE EHLERS McINTOSH, La Porte City, is a co-founder of Sing Me to Heaven Foundation. The nonprofit organization assists grieving families in Iowa with funeral expenses after the loss of a child. www.singmetoheaven.org

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The Rev. **DAN BARWINSKI,** Greeley, Colo., is a part-time pastor at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, LaSalle.

TERRY HINRICHS, Nashua, is foundation director at Waverly Health Center.

ANN BOTTELSON MORRIS, Des Moines, self-published two children's books, *Mommy and Mikel Go for a Walk*, and a Spanish counterpart, *Mikel y Mommy dan un Paseo*, through authorhouse.com.

MICHAL MUELLER, Maynard, Mass., was the first recipient of Curtis Middle School's Teacher of the Year Award and one of five U.S. teachers named a 2010 Challenger Center for Space Science Education Teacher of the Year. Mueller and one of her science classes received a Congressional Citation in September from Massachusetts Rep. Niki Tsongas, recognizing their work with Blanding's turtles, a threatened species.

LESA SIMONSEN, Oxford Junction, won first place in the National Central Division of the American Legion Auxiliary for her 2005 home service report.

SUSAN BRANDT TWEDT, Boone, retired in June 2010 after 33 years of teaching elementary music in the Roland-Story schools.

1978

STEVE DEIKE, Hampton, retired in May after 33 years of teaching and coaching at Hampton-Dumont Community School District, then accepted a position as assistant to the CEO with ABCM Corp., one of the largest employers in Iowa.

MARTHA MENSINK OSKVIG, Milford, is office manager of the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society Home Care, Spirit Lake. The office coordinates home healthcare services in 13 Northwest Iowa counties.

1981

Dr. **BRUCE MILLS,** Kalamazoo, Mich., co-edited the book, *Siblings and Autism: Stories Spanning Generations and Cultures*, published in 2011 by Jessica Kingsley Publishers. Mills is an English professor at Kalamazoo College.

1982
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1983

CAROLYN McCLURE ROYS, South Elgin, Ill., is the librarian for Dwight Township High School, Dwight.

1984

REBEKAH GERTH ADAMS, New Hope, Minn., was featured in the October 2011 issue of *More* magazine in an article on women in funeral service. www.more.com/funeral-career-change-to-die-for

1985

The Rev. **JEFFREY CORSON**, Reisterstown, Md., is interim pastor of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dundalk.

The Rev. **BETH OLSON**, Waverly, is pastor of St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Hudson.

1986

LISA HAMMERAND and Aaron Roeth, Muscatine, were married Nov. 11.

CASSANDRA PIPER and Mike Mattson, Bunker Hill, W.Va., were married Oct. 1. Cassandra is a quality improvement manager with NACCRRA, a national child care association, Arlington, Va.

1987
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TRACY BENSEND, Houston, Texas, completed her Master of Science degree in May in molecular, cellular, developmental biology and genetics with an emphasis in genetic counseling at the University of Minnesota. She is a genetic counselor and study coordinator for the University of Texas Health Science Center and the John Ritter Research Program in Aortic and Vascular Diseases.

ROBIN MYREN, Pennsburg, Pa., guided her fifth grade chorus to the K-8 championship in a Christmas Choir Contest sponsored by Philadelphia radio station B101. The choir won $5,000 for the Evergreen Elementary School music program in Collegeville, Pa., where Robin is a general music educator, performed with Peter Nero and the Philly Pops Orchestra in a December holiday concert, and sang live on B101. Hear "Blitzen's Boogie" at http://www.b101radio.com/christmas/choir11/.

1988

YVETTE FRATZKE, Chicago, Ill., completed her first Chicago Marathon on Oct. 9. With a time of 4:14:49, she placed 274th among the 1,369 runners in her age group and No. 11,945 among the 35,747 total participants.

DIANE ZIEGLER HAUPT, Winona, Minn., is director of special education and school psychologist with the Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan School District, Alma Center, Wis. She is completing a doctorate in educational leadership at Saint Mary's University.

MICHELLE WICHMAN, Frederick, Md., is an instructional specialist for adult education at Frederick Community College.

1989

GLENN HAUPT, Winona, Minn., is executive director of the Hiawatha Valley Education District.

ART SUNLEAF, Dubuque, was promoted to vice president for student development at Loras College.

1990

ANGIE HEUCK, Stevens Point, Wis., was named director of Saint Michael's Hospital Foundation in March 2011.

Larry and **CHRIS NORSTRUD MATHAHS**, Lake Mills, announce the birth of Sophie Jean, June 27. She joins Cory, 13, and Aaron, 10½.

Scott and **JANET LEE PLATHE,** Sioux City, announce the birth of Levi Joseph, June 20. He joins Anna, 10, and Claire, 6.

1991

RYAN ERICKSON, Santa Barbara, Calif., is U.S. vice president of sales for Teva. Through his independent sales agency, The Wapsie Group LLC, Erickson previously represented Teva throughout the Upper Midwest. He earned Teva's Agency of the Year honors in 2008 and was named Key Account Rep of the year in 2010.

1992
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DUFF RIDGEWAY, Waverly, is vice president for development at Mount Mercy University, Cedar Rapids.

Dr. **AARON** and Leslye **TRACHTE**, Lawton, Okla., announce the birth of Claire Elise, Aug. 25. She joins William, 7, and Charlie, 4.

WAYNE ZEMKE, Houston, Texas, was elected to the board of directors of Consumer Energy Alliance, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that supports the thoughtful utilization of energy resources to help ensure improved domestic and global energy security and stable prices for consumers.

1993
TANYA PASCHALL and Joe Duggan, St. Louis, Mo., were married July 9.

Dr. **DOUGLAS PETERS**, Burlington, was named the 2011 Iowa Family Physician of the Year by the Iowa Academy of Family Physicians.

1994

NATHAN HILL and Takako Tsuha, Okinawa City, Okinawa, Japan, announce the birth of Mitsunari David, March 2, 2009. He joins Mitsuki, 9, and Misuyoshi, 5.

KOBY KREINBRING, Iowa City, is an associate general counsel at Sigma-Aldrich Corp., St. Louis, Mo.

LOUISE MICHELS and William "Bill" Conway, Springfield, Ill., were married Sept. 9.

1995

JENNIFER OTTING BARTELL, Bernard, celebrated 15 years of service at The McGraw-Hill Companies in June and accepted a position in October as a production editor with the firm's Learning Solutions Group.

JOEL and Dr. **JOY TRACHTE '97 BECKER**, Waverly, announce the birth of Rachel Joy, Dec. 22. She joins Isaac, 7, and Daniel, 3.

DAN DIGMANN, Mt. Pleasant, Mich., and his wife, Jennifer, published a book, *Despite MS, to Spite MS*, a compilation of blog-inspired essays to help others overcome challenges in life. They share personal stories of their journey coping with and rising above Multiple Sclerosis. Portions of the book proceeds benefit the National MS Society and Camp Courageous. Books are available online at www.DespiteMStoSpiteMS.com.

Dr. **ERIC HARSTAD,** Half Moon Bay, Calif., was promoted to safety assessment therapeutic area head at Genentech, Inc., South San Francisco.

CORBIN PAYNE, Waterloo, was among 266 law enforcement officers from around the world graduating Dec. 16 from the 247th Session of the FBI National Academy, Quantico, Va. He is a lieutenant with the Waterloo Police Department.

CYNTHIA BILLHORN SCHMUCKER, Wichita, Kan., was promoted to commercial sales manager for Cox Business, a division of Cox Communications. She earned the 2011 Woman of the Year Award for her fundraising efforts for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

1996

DARREN BELL, Chicago, Ill., works in financial services with Mass Mutual.

JAMES and Mandy **GLAWE**, Corwith, announce the birth of Faith Debra, Oct. 19, 2010.

J.D. MILLER and Ann Martens, Chicago, Ill., announce the birth of James Mark, Sept 5.

AMANDA VYVERBERG SANDERMAN, Waverly, is the school partnership coordinator at Wartburg College.

DAN SANDERMAN, Waverly, was promoted to officer at First National Bank.

1997
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Daniel and Rev. **JUDY HESTERBERG BRENNAN**, Prospect, Ky., announce the birth of Benjamin, Nov. 18. He joins Rebecca, 3½, and Heidi, 2. Judy is pastor of First Lutheran Church, Louisville.

HEIDI FRITCHER CHRISTENSEN and **CASEY CHRISTENSEN '98**, Truro, announce the birth of Louis Croix, Oct. 7. He joins Cecilia, 9, Gabriel 6½, and Henry, 5.

Isaac and **TIFFANIE HOLMES HARRIS**, Thomasville, Ga., announce the birth of Zaria Miquelle, Aug. 4. She joins Richard, 13, and Jenaya, 8. Tiffanie is a vocational rehabilitation counselor for Bainbridge Department of Labor, Bainbridge.

LYNETTE MATTER, Strawberry Point, is the program director for Camp Ewalu and Retreat Center.

BRENT SCHMADEKE, Stillman Valley, Ill., was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander with the U.S. Coast Guard. He is a helicopter pilot stationed in Traverse City, Mich.

1998

AMY FLEMING ELWOOD, Mason City, was honored in the *Globe Gazette's* annual "20 Under 40 section, which recognizes individuals who are dedicated to their professions and families and also make an impact in their communities through service and volunteer work. Elwood serves as president of the Cerro Gordo County Free Health Care Clinic, volunteers on the North Iowa Band Festival Committee, and coaches her children's sports teams. An anchor at KIMT-TV since 1998, she most recently added news content coordinator to her duties.

MATT and Jennifer **FISCHER**, Urbandale, announce the birth of Makao Nyte, Aug. 9. He joins Malia, 6, and Tytan, 3.

KARLA BAILEY LANDERS, Polk City, is a library associate at West Elementary in the North Polk School District.

Jon and **AMY SCHAFFNER POTTER**, Rochester, Minn., announce the birth of Rose Elisabeth, July 16. She joins Isaac, 6, and Hannah, 3.

Bryan and **GAIL GAUER STRUVE,** Keizer, Ore., announce the birth of Evan Luke, April 5, 2011. He joins Caleb, 8.

DAN and **MELISSA SMITH** '99 **WARDELL**, Ankeny, announce the birth of Alexander Jack, Oct. 31. He joins Max, 4, and Charlotte, 2.

Nathaniel and **KIMBERLY CALDWELL WILDEBUER**, New Brighton, Minn., announce the birth of Leora Jane, Nov. 8. She joins Esther, 3½.

1999

Lee and **JENNIFER GREENSLADE HELLER,** Ankeny, announce the birth of Cole Dean, Oct. 3.

Sebastian and **KARA LANEY PETRY,** Seattle, Wash., announce the birth of Max, Aug. 2, 2010.

2000

JOSH and **AMANDA PORTER '01 GREUBEL**, DeWitt, announce the birth of Nya Rose, Dec. 11. She joins Benen, 6.

JASON and Amanda **KRAMER**, Lawrence, Kan., announce the birth of Kylee Grace, Sept. 21. Jason is a senior manager – corporate partnerships with the Kansas City Royals.

Colin and **SARA SCHAEFER KRANTZ**, Cedar Falls, announce the birth of Carter James, Oct. 23.

CHAD and **BREANNA GIBBS LUKES**, Farley, announce the birth of Emerson Marie, Sept. 19. She joins Aiden, 9, Sydney, 6, and Etta, 3.

Scott and **KELLY WILLRETT PEARSON**, Chandler, Ariz., announce the birth of Turner Lee, May 11.

DAVE and Becky **REWERTS,** Cumming, announce the birth of Benjamin, March 12, 2011. He joins Tyler, 7, and Luke, 3.

Mark and **KRIS ERICKSON ROBERTS**, Cedar Rapids, announce the birth of Miles Dean, Dec. 11.

Jeff and **JENNIFER NOYES ROWDON**, Minneapolis, Minn., announce the birth of Natalie Rose, July 28.

STEVEN YOUDE, Concord, Calif., was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander with the U.S. Coast Guard. He is a governmental affairs officer stationed in Alameda, Calif.

2001

HEATHER ARBANELLA and Bryan Bourgoine, Champlin, Minn., were married Aug. 6.

Brian and **MEGAN MYHRE BURKE**, Des Moines, announce the birth of Gabriel Allen, Dec. 16.

MATT and **AMIE BRUNKO BUSKOHL '02**, Reinbeck, announce the birth of Raegyn Rae, Aug. 15. She joins Cayden, 6, Madde, 5, and Klay, 1.

Christian and **ANDREA JOHNSON FROST**, Chicago, Ill., announce the birth of Caleb Jonah, July 19. He joins Evan, 3.

John and **SARAH THOMSEN GILLESPIE**, De Pere, Wis., announce the birth of Jack Thomsen, March 23, 2011.

Mark and **AMBER WICHMANN HALVORSEN**, Cedar Falls, announce the birth of Samuel Allan, Dec. 8, 2010.

ERIN HETRICK and Andy Hohenner, San Bruno, Calif., were married Oct. 22.

MARK and **ANGIE WESSELS '03 HUBBARD**, Waverly, announce the birth of Kaylee Mae, Dec. 18. She joins Wesley, 5½, and Linde, 3½.

Nathan and **ANNA WENZ HUMSTON**, West Des Moines, announce the birth of Clara Mae, July 18.

Evan and **MANDY SCHALLER JASPER**, Carol Stream, Ill., announce the birth of Jillian Adeline, June 22. She joins Jenna, 3.

Don and **AMY DREES JOHNSON**, Marion, announce the birth of Torie Jean, Aug. 18. She joins Emrie, 4, and Carie, 3.

MARTY and **CHRISTA FECHNER '02 LEARY,** Waverly, announce the birth of Ashton Martin, Aug. 8. He joins Madeleine, 5.

AMY NEAL and Ryan Kay, Cedar Rapids, announce the birth of Addison Nicole, April 18.

Andrew and Dr. **KIMBERLY QUACKENBUSH POECKER**, Shawnee, Kan., announce the birth of Caleb Andrew, Aug. 4. He joins Emerson, 4. Kim is an attending physician at St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, Mo.

Inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame Homecoming Weekend were (from left): Ryan Rausch, Chris Shannon, Elgin Allen, Bob Olson, Darren Bohlen, Matt Wheeler, Michael Doyle, and Lowell Kuecker.

Hall of Fame inducts eight Knights

Elgin Allen '48, Algona, played quarterback, starting every game his freshman year before entering the Navy in 1943, then returned in 1946 and started every game the next two years, playing quarterback and defensive back. Allen was principal of Algona High School before retiring.

Darren Bohlen '91, Clarksville, was a two-time team MVP and All-Conference running back. The first back to achieve consecutive 1,000-yard rushing seasons, he also set the single-season rushing record of 1,413 yards. Bohlen teaches business and physical education at Charles City High School.

Michael Doyle '95, Independence, achieved 81 wins during four years on the wrestling team as a three-time NCAA All-American, three-time Iowa Conference champion, and two-time academic All-American. He teaches high school mathematics and coaches wrestling at Independence High School.

Lowell Kuecker '75, Buckeye, Ariz., was the first Wartburg wrestler to win 100 matches. He was a four-time national qualifier and an All-American in 1975, a two-time Iowa Conference champion and two-time conference runner-up. A longtime English teacher and wrestling coach in the Denver Community Schools, he now teaches in Arizona.

Bob Olson '69, Clarion, was on the1968 Iowa Conference championship team, earning first-team All-Conference and All-American honors at offensive tackle. A corn and soybean producer, Olson also spent five years as a biology teacher and coach.

Chris Shannon '98, Readlyn, won All-American honors in outdoor track — seventh in the 4x400-meter relay in 1997, and in indoor track, placing fourth in the 55-meter hurdles in 1996. He was a two-time All-Conference track selection, two-time conference champion in the triple jump and 110-meter hurdles, Midwest Regional Athlete of the Year, and MVP of the 1995 Iowa Conference track and field meet. In football, he had 10 touchdown catches and had 1,375 reception yards. He is a claims specialist at CUNA Mutual in Waverly.

Ryan Rausch '01, New Hampton, led the league in scoring on the 1999 Iowa Conference championship team. He was a two-time All-Conference selection, earned three first-team All-West region honors, and was named to the Lutheran Brotherhood and *Don Hansen's Football Gazette* All-American teams. He holds the single-game, season, and career records in touchdown receptions and career mark in receiving yards. He is a financial adviser for Principal Financial.

Matt Wheeler '00, Waverly, was twice named first-team All-Conference quarterback and was conference MVP his senior season. He holds Wartburg records for single-game, season, and career touchdown passes. In basketball, he had a career field-goal percentage of 57.5 and free-throw percentage of 72.1. He is the offensive coordinator for the Wartburg football team.

Adam and **CHRISTINA HANSEN RODRIGUEZ**, Chicago, Ill., announce the birth of Matthew Albert, June 30.

KIRSTEN NELSON ROENFELDT, Annandale, Minn., earned her Master of Social Work degree in 2006 from Colorado State University.

Kory and **LINDSAY GANSEN SANDON**, Highlands Ranch, Colo., announce the birth of Kaley Kathleen, March 27, 2011. She joins Colter, 3.

Derek and **JANELLE DICKEY SLEGL**, Littleton, Colo., announce the birth of Jessalyn, April 16, 2011.

Jake and **JENNI DONOHUE TALBOTT**, Ames, announce the birth of Morgan Elise, Nov. 6.

DINA TANNOUS, Ramallah, Palestine, is serving in the Bishop's Office of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. She is the ecclesiastical coordination officer responsible for youth ministry and leadership development and represents the whole church and the ELCJHL bishop at international conferences and meetings of both Lutheran and ecumenical partners.

2002

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Matt and **HEIDI TIEDT BIRD**, Clarinda, announce the birth of Ellery Sue, Feb. 17, 2011. She joins Creighton, 3.

Bryce and **SARAH ALDERFER BRIMHALL**, Corona, Calif., announce the birth of Harper Ellen, Aug. 22. She joins Breckin, 2.

JUDE BURGER and Erica Harding, Indianapolis, Ind., were married Nov. 5.

Brent and **SUSIE REINHARDT COONROD**, Omaha, Neb., announce the birth of Lawson, March 4, 2011.

Neil and **KRISTINA CARROLL JESSE**, Ashburn, Va., announce the birth of Ashlynn Eve, Sept. 24. She joins Alanna, 3.

Brian and **JANA HAHN KREGEL**, Garnavillo, announce the birth of Levi Kenneth, April 24, 2011. He joins Kaci, 5, and Seth, 4.

RENEE LEONARD and Eric Obergfell, Highlands Ranch, Colo., were married Oct. 1.

MARK NEMMERS and Aralee Patton, Lakewood, Colo., were married Aug. 27.

SETH ROBERSON, Des Moines, is the head strength and conditioning coach and assistant track and field coach at Grand View College.

SUZANNE JUST SCHUKNECHT and **DAN SCHUKNECHT '03**, Ankeny, announce the birth of Jeremiah Daniel, June 17. He joins Jonathan, 2.

ERIC SMITH, Nashua, is the principal at Nashua-Plainfield High School.

NATE STEEGE and Kerstin Greiner, Waverly, were married Sept. 24.

Eric and **JENNIFER AANONSON TANGE**, Urbandale, announce the birth of Kareena Lynn, July1. She joins Bellah, 3.

Aaron and **LISA SCHEIBE TEKIPPE**, Urbandale, announce the birth of Claire Elise, Dec. 6. She joins Natalie, 2½.

NATHAN WEAR, Solon, is the principal at Solon High School.

2003

MEGANNE ANDERSON and **CHRISTIAN STAFFORD '08**, Waverly, were married Oct. 4, 2008. They announce the birth of Ava Elinore, Aug. 21, 2010.

CHRISTOPHER and **SARAH OLSON BORK**, Neenah, Wis., announce the birth of Lucas Christopher, June 18.

DANIELLE DYVIG and David Cruz, Denver, Colo., were married Sept. 2. Danielle earned her Master of Social Work degree in May from Colorado State University and is a senior probation officer with the City and County of Denver.

BRADLEY and **KAARIN LAMB FASSE**, Grimes, announce the birth of Emma Renee, July 8. She joins Hannah, 4.

KELLY HOEFER GIBBS, Anamosa, is the director of finance and administration at the Maquoketa Valley Electric Cooperative.

AMANDA GRIZZLE and Andrew Huntleigh, Seattle, Wash., were married June 21. Amanda is pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting at the University of Washington.

MARK and **CHELSEY RODGERS '05 KOLPIN**, Grinnell, announce the birth of Bryce Edward, April 12, 2011.

SUZY PIEL and Brad Niebling, Urbandale, were married Sept 3.

MICHAEL and **JILL PLAGMAN RIPKE**, Laveen, Ariz., announce the birth of William Michael, Sept. 22. He joins Jada, 2.

JILL GROTH SMITH, Nashua, is a group fitness instructor at the Wartburg-Waverly Sports & Wellness Center, Waverly.

JEREMY and **LEXIE JANSONIUS '05 THOMAS**, Cedar Falls, announce the birth of Asher Douglas, July 2. Jeremy is a senior group leader at the Target Distribution Center. Lexie manages The Write Place, headquartered in Pella.

Amos and **KRISTY SHEPPARD TOKHEIM**, Mankato, Minn., announce the birth of Taylor, June 25. He joins Emma, 5, and Alexis, 2.

MELISSA WENDLAND and Nick Fehring, Plover, Wis., were married June 25. Melissa teaches kindergarten in the Westfield School District.

Brent and **TARA NORBERG YOUNG**, Dallas, Wis., announce the birth of Zanna Jacqueline Blue, Dec. 7.

2004

ROB and **SARAH MEIDLINGER '05 BELAND**, Coralville, announce the birth of Cora Kathryn, April 8, 2011.

Beau and **DIANNA ZIERKE BIEKERT**, Plainfield, announce the birth of Levi Lewis, Oct. 14.

HILIARY BAETHKE BURNS, Ames, is a training coordinator for the Iowa Foster and Adoptive Parents Association, Ankeny.

JAMES CORY, Cedar Falls, is a customer service manager with Grainger.com, Lincolnshire, Ill.

KARA O'BRIEN CRAIN, St. Paul, Minn., is an outpatient psychotherapist with Nystrom & Associates, New Brighton.

HOLLY DORENKAMP and **SCOTT BERGMAN '06**, Des Moines, were married Aug. 27.

David and **MARGARET WRAGE HORSFIELD**, Solon, announce the birth of Henry Cole, Aug. 10.

VLADIMIR ILIC and **NICOLE BLECKWEHL**, West Des Moines, were married July 16.

ADAM and **RACHEL THURSBY '05 JOHNSON**, Iowa Falls, announce the birth of Noah Cornelius, July 8.

STEVEN and Ciara **MURRAY**, Olathe, Kan., announce the birth of Cameron Cael, Jan. 22, 2011.

ADAM and **AMY WINEINGER OSTENDORF**, St. Louis, Mo., announce the adoption of Cora Jane Sade, born May 27, 2011.

JUSTIN PETERS, Fort Dodge, is coordinator of accounts receivable with Iowa Central Community College.

LYNDSAY POLKING and Scott Koch, Ankeny, were married Dec. 31.

KATY PRALLE and Tyler Flint, Hampton, were married Aug. 27. Katy is the sales manager/team leader at CellTech, Inc., a premium authorized Verizon Wireless Retailer.

MATT and **CASSY DEARBORN TOWNSLEY**, Mt. Vernon, announce the birth of Caleb Matthew, Dec. 11.

2005

SARAH LEARN BRINCKS, Clermont, is a school improvement facilitator-reading/language arts, ELL with Keystone Area Education Agency, Elkader.

JASON BURNS, Ames, is a broadcast operations specialist with Iowa Public Radio.

Justin and **RAE LYNNE NELSON CHASE**, Charles City, announce the birth of Saeli Rae, Nov. 4.

BRYAN and **KATI ROTH CURRAN**, Bourbonnais, Ill, announce the birth of Beckett Roth, Aug. 14. He joins Caysen, 3, and Maddox, 2.

VERNE and **CATHERINE RAPP HOUSTON**, Omaha, Neb., announce the birth of Josephine Renae, July 16, 2010. She joins Abigail, 4.

MERRILEE LERDAL and Joseph Hannan, Grimes, were married Sept. 24.

JOSHUA MEYER, Vinton, teaches middle school language arts in the North Tama Community Schools, Traer.

KIMBERLY PETERSEN MEYER, Vinton, is director of curriculum, instruction, and technology in the Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District.

JOSH MOEN, St. Louis Park, Minn., was named to the U.S. team that competed on Nov. 23 in marathon relay at the International Chiba Ekiden, Chiba, Japan.

ANNIE OLSON and Josh Kappelman, Waterloo, were married Aug. 6. Annie was featured in the November cover story of *Modern Materials Handling* magazine.

KRISTIN GRANCHALEK PAVELEC, Stratford, Wis., received her master's degree in educational leadership and policy analysis in December from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Brandon and **LINDSEY FRANCIS SCHAECHER**, Norfolk, Neb., announce the birth of Owen, July 29. He joins Carson, 2.

KIERSTIN SKOVGAARD and Matthew Thompson, Seymour, Wis., were married Oct. 7.

ELIZABETH HALBUR WILKINS and **TRAVIS WILKINS '06**, Grimes, announce the birth of Langston Thomas, Feb. 28, 2011.

KEITH and Beth **ZIETLOW**, Manchester, announce the birth of Natalie Josephine, Dec. 30.

2006

Nicholas and **KIMBERLY WARREN BARBOUR**, Norwalk, announce the birth of Lily Jane, May 2. She joins Chloe, 8.

KAREN CONNELLY, Cedar Falls, is a teacher/coordinator for the gifted and talented program at Holmes Junior High School.

Matthew and **ERIN DOHLMAN COULTHARD**, Cameron, N.C., announce the birth of Jameson Richard, Nov. 6.

STEPHANIE EGTS and Anwar "Chucky" Ashraf, Carmel, Ind., were married Oct. 8.

Ethan and **MEGAN KAMPMAN EPLEY**, Waverly, announce the birth of Logan Ethan, Oct. 12. He joins Jackson, 2½.

SABRINA JORPELAND and William Russell, Steamboat Rock, were married July 2.

EMILY KLEISS LENHART and **LUCAS LENHART '07**, Iowa City, announce the birth of Harper Elaine, Dec. 1.

MEGAN LYNK and Scott Harris, Schaumburg, Ill., were married Oct. 8.

MATT and **STACY JOHNSON McELLIOTT**, North Liberty, announce the birth of Maya Jo, Oct. 14.

MARLA STEWART, Leawood, Kan., announces the birth of La'Myah Rache' Mallett, Jan. 10, 2011.

STEFFANIE TOMLINSON and Kevin Bonnstetter, Pella, were married Dec. 31.

JENNY FLORA VINZANT and Dr. **BRANDON VINZANT '07**, West Des Moines, own West Des Moines Chiropractic, a Maximized Living health center.

MEREDITH WARREN, Dyersville, received her Master of Music Education degree in December from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

2007
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JORDAN ALBORN, Dubuque, was among 20 men and women who live and work in the Cedar Valley selected for the *Courier's* 2011 "20 Under 40" awards. He is a vice president/financial adviser with FSB Warner Financial, Inc., Waterloo.

The Rev. **JEANETTE BIDNE**, Miltona, Minn., graduated in May 2011 from Luther Seminary, St. Paul. She was ordained in July 2011 and serves as pastor of Esther Lutheran Church, Parkers Prairie.

ANDREA BORCHARDT and Matthew Hobson, Greene, were married Aug. 6.

BRIAN BUNCE, Sumner, is an inventory analyst with John Deere at the Waterloo Works, Waterloo.

SCOTT BURNS and Erin Lahr, Manchester, were married Aug. 13.

JANEL DVORAK and Carl Sackreiter, Rochester, Minn., were married Aug. 6.

ADAM HARRINGA and **NICOLE CALABRESE '10**, Austin, Minn., were married Sept. 3.

HESPER MEIDLINGER and Hector Montford, Auburn, Ala., were married Aug. 13.

NATHAN NISSEN and Kimberly Melloy, Iowa City, were married June 25.

LISAMARIE NIELSEN ODEEN and **BRYAN ODEEN '10**, Mason City, announce the birth of Maren Krista, Dec. 4.

PETE OSTERBERGER and Dr. **AFTON LEYTHAM '08**, Dubuque, were married Aug. 12.

CASSIDY and **STEPHANIE HOWE PETERSON**, LeClaire, announce the birth of Paetyn Ann, March 31, 2011.

ADAM REES, Iowa City, is the owner of GRIT Gym.

ABBIE LICHTY RITTMILLER, Gypsum, Colo., is a full-time English teacher at Eagle Valley High School.

BRAD SCHAEFER and **KRISTEN BOCKENSTEDT '09**, Bloomington, Ind., were married June 18.

BRENT SCHUCHMANN, Denver, Colo., received his Ph.D. in chemistry in November from the University of Denver.

KYLE THYE and **KIRA CHARLET '09**, Des Moines, were married Oct. 22.

MATT VOIGTS, Clarion, is pursuing a Master of Science degree in digital anthropology at University College London, London, England.

2008

JARED BARNES, Mason City, has published his first composition. *Adventum*, a Christmas piece for concert band, will be included in the 2012-13 Alfred Music catalog.

NICK BREHM and Stephanie Groom, Durango, were married Aug. 20.

ZACHARY EGGLESTON and Nichole Hopkins, Highlands Ranch, Colo., were married Aug.13.

AMANDA ELLIS and Matt Kasten, Clear Lake, were married Aug. 20.

JAMIE ENFIELD and **ALLEN WEAVER '10,** West Des Moines, were married June 25. Jamie was promoted to PFresh Food Business Partner with Target Corp.

Jim and **LINDSAY ZEIEN KUHN**, New Hampton, announce the birth of Abby Elizabeth, June 9. Lindsay was promoted to lab manager at Homeland Energy Solutions, Lawler.

SHANNON McCABE, Hastings, Minn., is minister of children and youth at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Stillwater.

JANNA McCLINTOCK and **NATE BEHRENDSEN '10**, Waverly, were married Oct. 1.

NATALIE TARKETT and Ryan Hunter, North Liberty, were married July 9.

2009

AKEYA AIMABLE, Kansas City, Mo., is a system engineer with Cerner.

STEVEN BIEDERMANN and Lindsay Pruis, Lauderdale, Minn., were married Oct. 7.

KRISTIN CARLSON, Braham, Minn., is a student in the Master of Science in Nursing family nurse practitioner program at Belmont University, Nashville, Tenn.

BRIAN CHENOWETH, New Rochelle, N.Y., is an assistant men's cross country/track and field coach at Iona College.

SARAH FRAZELL, Athens, Ga., is a crisis counselor/social worker at Advantage Behavioral Health Systems.

JUSTIN HANSON and **LAUREN HUMMEL '11**, Des Moines, were married Aug. 6.

CARL HOEG, Washington, D.C., received his Master of Arts degree in international relations and economics from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

SARAH INDRA and **ALEX KRUMM '10**, Story City, were married Sept. 17.

DAVID KELLY and **LORI TLACH**, Blooming Prairie, Minn., were married Aug. 13.

LUKE and **JULIE MUND KROEGER**, Waterloo, announce the birth of Nora Lena, Oct. 10.

The Rev. **TIM MAYBEE** and **STEPHANIE ANDERSON**, Lauderdale, Minn., were married Aug. 13. Tim is the 2011-12 intern pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Stillwater. Stephanie is a music teacher at Salem Hills Elementary School, Inver Grove Heights.

JAKE MEYERS, Waterloo, is a material replenishment specialist with John Deere.

AMANDA HEWITT MOORMAN, Bettendorf, is an international treasury analyst with Deere & Company, Moline, Ill.

JUSTIN MOORMAN, Bettendorf, is an account executive with IKON, Davenport.

PATRICK MULLEN, Ames, is a Coca-Cola refreshments market development manager.

JORDAN WILDERMUTH and **ALISHA HOFFMANN**, Frankfort, Ky., were married June 25. Jordan is executive director of the National Association of Social Workers-Kentucky Chapter.

2010

VICTORIA BRESHEARS, New Ulm, Minn., is an elementary literacy tutor at Jefferson Elementary with the Minnesota Reading Corps (Americorps).

JESSICA DAMM and Chase Dickinson, Newton, were married July 30.

JUSTIN ERICKSON and **MOLLY WERNLI**, Minneapolis, Minn., were married June 18.

DEIDRE FREYENBERGER, Wayland, is pursuing a master's degree in professional communications at East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tenn.

MARIAH GRIFFIN and **NICK SHANDRI '11**, Waverly, were married in September. Mariah is program director for mental health services at Community Based Services. She is pursuing a master's degree in social work at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

MATHEW HAAGER, Arvada, Colo., is a physical therapy student at Regis University, Denver.

JENNIFER JONES-RUIZ, Waverly, is a communications associate at the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, Waterloo. She also serves on the Wartburg Community Symphony Association board.

BRYCE LAHMANN and **ERINN NORTH**, Cedar Falls, were married Aug. 13.

JESSICA McCLELLAN, Kansas City, Kan., teaches music at Sunflower Elementary in the Paola Unified School District 368, Paloa.

JOSH MONIZ, New Ulm, Minn., is a staff writer for the *New Ulm Journal*, covering city and state politics and writing feature stories.

Trevor and **CAITLYN PLATT SITTIG**, New Hampton, announce the birth of Brock Otto, Oct. 12.

BRODY SUDDENDORF and **HANNAH WILLEMS '11**, Wichita, Kan., were married Nov. 5.

KELSEY VANDERWERF, Fort Collins, Colo., is a product marketing coordinator with Pilgrim's Pride in the JBS Corporate Office, Greeley.

2011

NICKI ANDERSON, Waterloo, is a communications coordinator with John Deere.

SARAH SHOEMAKER BAXTER, La Vista, Neb., is a patient service representative with Aspen Dental, Omaha.

STEPHANIE BERNDT, Rochester, Minn., is a registered nurse in radiology at the Mayo Clinic.

MEGAN CLEMENSON, Des Moines, is a customer service representative with Nationwide Insurance.

AUSTIN COLE, Tipton, teaches high school mathematics in the Tipton Community Schools.

COLE DANIELSON and Amber Illum, Marion, were married July 30.

JENNIFER DOMINO, Davenport, teaches 4-year-old preschool at Buffalo Elementary in the Davenport Community School District, Buffalo.

BRENNAN DREW, Las Vegas, Nev., is a junior associate financial representative with TREW Financial and Benefits Group, Inc.

KAREN EHRICH, Lenexa, Kan., is a transitional living specialist with communityworks, inc., Overland Park.

MOLLY ESLICK, Hampton, teaches fifth grade in the Hampton-Dumont Community School District.

EMILY EWY, West Des Moines, is a customer support specialist with YRC Worldwide, Urbandale.

KELLY GOERDT, Cedar Rapids, is a marketing specialist with West Music, Coralville.

JACOB GROTH and **SARAH ELLEFSON**, Marshalltown, were married Oct. 8.

CHRIS GUSTAS, Marion, is a substitute teacher with Grant Wood Area Education Agency, Cedar Rapids.

JOHN HELGERSON, Cedar Falls, is an assistant wrestling coach at Wartburg College.

SPENCER HERKELMAN, Hennepin, Ill., is the tight ends coach and assists with the offensive line at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

JACOB HINRICHSEN, Rochester, Minn., is an analyst programmer in the information technology department at the Mayo Clinic.

DEREK JACK and **NATALIE BRANSTAD**, Waverly, were married Aug. 13.

EMILY JOHNSON, Seattle, Wash., is a case manager with Lutheran Volunteer Corps at Full Life.

RACHEL KEBER, Independence, teaches grades 4-8 music in the Independence Community School District.

RACHEL KOLDEN, Mankato, Minn., is taking prerequisite classes for occupational therapy school.

JACOB KRIEGEL, Tama, is a software quality assurance analyst with Rural Soluxions, LLC, Ames.

HANNAH LADAGE, Tripoli, is a chiropractic student at the University of Western States, Portland, Ore.

BRITTAN LAWRENCE, Cedar Falls, teaches French in the Cedar Falls Community Schools.

CADY LOGAN, Gilbert, Ariz., is a chiropractic student at Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa.

GABI MILLER, West Des Moines, is a leadership development associate with Garner Printing, Des Moines.

JACOB MROZ, Urbandale, is a software developer with CDS Global, Des Moines.

BRANDON PASSON and **ALLISON HUTH**, Coralville, were married July 15.

ERIC PETERS, Bartlett, Ill., is a graphic designer with Phonak, LLC, Warrenville.

ANNA PETERSON, Cedar Falls, is social worker at Manor Care, Waterloo.

REBBECA PFEILER, Dyersville, is a substitute teacher in the Dubuque and Western Dubuque Community School Districts.

ALYSSA WALKER RAKOTOARIVELO, Waverly, is a special education teacher with AEA 267 in the Dike-New Hartford Community School District, Dike.

KARA REWERTS, Ackley, is a music therapist at the Waverly Health Center, Waverly.

LEAH RILEY, Manchester, is a recruiting assistant with City and National Employment, Waterloo.

MATT RITCHHART, Norwalk, teaches middle/high school social studies in the Mount Ayr Community Schools, Mount Ayr.

RAEANN RITLAND, Zearing, is a research assistant and journalism and mass communication graduate student at Iowa State University, Ames.

MARIA RUSCH, Davenport, is a music director at Risen Christ Lutheran Church.

NICHOLAS SHANDRI, Waverly, is a financial representative with Northwestern Mutual, associated with The Funk Group, Waterloo.

KALEB SCHMITZ, Minneapolis, Minn., is a salesman with Van Paper, St. Paul.

DANIELE SCHROEDER, Milwaukee, Wis., works at ProCare Physical Therapy, Greenfield.

ISAAC SLINGS, Altoona, is a program director with Saga Communications, Des Moines.

STEPHANIE SPIES and Mitchel Upton, Huntsville, Texas, were married Aug. 14.

BRITTANY STAUDT, Waverly, is a nursing student at Allen College, Waterloo.

LACEY STONEHOCKER, Urbandale, is a substitute teacher in Des Moines area school districts.

JACK STOUT, Burnsville, Minn., is a photo lab technician with Target, Lakeville.

JON STOVER, Waverly, is an assistant cross country coach at Wartburg College.

MARKUS TILLMANNS, Seoul, South Korea, teaches English at Gong hang Middle School.

COREY TROAST, Spring Hill, Kan., teaches physical education and health at Paola Middle School in Paola Unified School District 368, Paola.

NICOLE WALKER, Keokuk, teaches third grade in the Keokuk Community School District.

JENA WYNN, Cedar Falls, is a registered nurse at Allen Hospital, Waterloo.

2012

TARA NICHOLS, Dorchester, is a substitute teacher in the Eastern Allamakee and Allamakee County School Districts.

KARIN SCHMIDT, Johnston, is a quality assurance associate as part of the IT Early Development Program with John Deere.

In Memoriam

1933

ALFREO J. SEMM, Cedar Falls, died Sept. 26 at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community. He was a World War II Navy veteran, owned and operated Iowa Refrigeration Company from 1950 to 1997, and was a charter member of Refrigeration Service Engineers Society.

1934

TENA QUAOHAMER TORNOW, Appleton, Wis., died Oct. 12 at the Appleton Health Care Center. She taught for many years at Zion Lutheran School.

1937

VIOLA SCHLOTTMAN WALKER, Minnepolis, Minn., died Oct. 7. She retired from State Farm Insurance as a claims adjuster, was a longtime member of Gideon's International, and co-founded Amazing Grace Ministries.

1938

ARNOLD M. KUESTER, Prescott Valley, Ariz., died April 23, 2007, at Yavapai Regional Medical Center, Prescott, Ariz. A World War II veteran, he earned a master's degree from Drake University, taught 13 years and served as a school superintendent for 26 years in Iowa before retiring to Arizona in 1977.

1944

WENDELL H. "TOM" PERKINS, Indianapolis, Ind., died July 12 at Waters of Greenbriar Nursing Home. A World War II Navy veteran and graduate of Iowa State University, Ames, he worked at Lutheran Mutual Life Insurance in Waverly before moving to Indianapolis in 1955. He opened Carriage Estates Real Estate in 1957 and Tom Perkins Gallery of Homes in 1967, served on local, state, and national real estate boards, and was appointed by the governor to serve on the Indiana Real Estate Commission.

1947

ARLENE BOESS BROUGHTON, Dubuque, died Aug. 14. She spent her career as an insurance company accounting office manager and secretary for the superintendent of schools, and as a grocery store cashier and bookkeeper.

1948

EUNICE BUTTERS KOEPPEN, Marion, died Dec. 22 at the Linn Manor Care Center. She was a teacher in Keystone, Iowa, Tillamonk, Ore., and the Marion schools and worked for Smulekoff's in Cedar Rapids for 25 years.

1951

BEVERLY HARTWIG COFFEY, Nora Springs, died Oct. 5 at Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit, Mason City, of cancer. She taught elementary school in Fort Dodge and later was a substitute teacher. She volunteered with the American Cancer Society for 23 years and at the Nora Springs Library.

LILLIAN BRUNS OITTMAR, Walnut Creek, Calif., died Sept. 22 of cancer. She worked as a secretary prior to her marriage.

1953

The Rev. **KEITH BEAVER**, Barnes, Wis., died Sept. 23. A graduate of Northwestern Lutheran Seminary (now Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.), he was ordained July 8, 1956, and served congregations in Milwaukee, Wis., and Rochester, Minn. After retiring in 1993, he served an interim ministry near his home in Wisconsin.

The Rev. **Dr. MARVIN J. SCHUMACHER**, Waterloo, died Dec. 21 at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City. A graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary, he served three parishes in North Dakota before he was elected Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He later served congregations in Grand Rapids, Mich. After retiring to Iowa in 1992, he was an interim pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Chuch in Waverly. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Wartburg College in 1984.

The Rev. **HAROLD F. TEGTMEIER**, Spirit Lake, died Dec. 2 at Hilltop Care Center. After graduating from Wartburg Theological Seminary, he served congregations in Iowa and Illinois. In retirement, he worked five years at Glen Echo Resort Poudre Canyon near Fort Collins, Colo., before moving to Spirit Lake in 1999.

1954

GRETA DIERS RICH, Sumner, died Dec. 10 at Hillcrest Home. After completing a two-year teaching degree, she earned a B.A. from Wartburg in 1984. She was an elementary teacher in several Iowa schools for more than 40 years, then worked for the Area Education Agency until her retirement in 1999. She coached several championship girls' basketball and softball teams at St. Paul's Lutheran School.

MILLARD L. WALLLERN, JR., Strasburg, Va., died Nov. 23 at the University of Virginia Medical Center, Charlottesville. He was a career officer with the U.S. Navy, including duty as Commanding Officer of the USS Umpqua ATA-209, and was later stationed at the Bureau of Naval Personnel prior to his discharge in 1985. He then worked for Allyn's Men's Shops, Inc., where he became co-owner, and as a realtor until his retirement in 2008.

1955

The Rev. **GOROON A. HANSON**, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, died Jan. 6. After graduating from Wartburg Theological Seminary, he spent his career as a pastor in Canada.

LLOYD OLTROGGE, New Hampton, died Oct. 22 at the New Hampton Care Center. He served in the U.S. Army for two years and graduated from Iowa State College, Ames, in 1958 with an ag business degree. He was a grain merchandiser in Des Moines, then worked for Pioneer Hi Bred from 1966 until his retirement in 1995. He served on the board overseeing construction of the Chickasaw Event Center.

The Rev. Dr. **EDWARD DEAN PAAPE**, Janesville, Wis., died Dec. 11. After graduating from Wartburg Theological Seminary, he served as mission developer for Hope Lutheran Church in Indianapolis, Ind., was pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Schaumburg, Ill., for 15 years, and served congregations in Janesville and Menomonee Falls, Wis., before his retirement in 1996. He was a former board president of Lutheran Welfare Services of Illinois and earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago. In retirement, he served as an interim pastor and as a development associate for Wartburg Seminary.

1957

LOIS LEHMANN GAULKE, Mechanicsville, Md., died Sept. 1. She started a small business, worked for St. Mary's County Department of Social Services, and retired as licensing supervisor for the St. Mary County Child Care Administration.

1958

Dr. **FREDERIC OOWNING**, Wickenburg, Ariz., died Oct. 4. After graduating from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Ohio in 1962, his first call was to establish a mission congregation in Chicago that became Holy Family Lutheran Church. During his service as a pastor in Tescott, Kan., he earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago. He was assistant director and director of family programs at The Meadows in Wickenburg, Ariz., before establishing a private practice in spiritual counseling in Phoenix and Wickenburg in 1989. He was a four-year U.S. Navy veteran.

GERALO L. MEYER, Traverse City, Mich., died Feb. 4, 2005.

1959

FREOERICK LANGROCK, Toeterville, died Dec. 30 in an automobile accident. After earning a master's degree in music from the University of Colorado, he taught music at several North Iowa and Northeast Iowa schools and gave private instrumental and guitar lessons. At the time of his death, he was music director at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Austin, Minn., and a member of the University of Northern Iowa New Horizons Band. He remodeled the Toeterville Bank into an art gallery and exhibited his aunt's paintings at regional art fairs.

Dr. JOHN S. MEYER, Holland, Mich., died Nov. 29. He held a Master of Science degree in mathematics from Northwestern University and a Ph. D. in statistics from Iowa State University. He began his teaching career at Wartburg and later taught at Cornell College, Albion College in Michigan, and Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania, where he assumed chairmanship of the mathematics department and retired in 2002.

DUANE E. PRIES, Elmore, Ohio, died Aug. 31 at Bishop Noa Home, Escanaba, Mich. He earned a master's degree from Concordia Teachers College in 1974 and did postgraduate work at Michigan State University, the Universty of Toledo, and Bowling Green State University. He was a Christian day school principal and teacher for 17 years, then taught mathematics and science in the public school system, and coached junior high basketball for many years before retiring in 1996.

JANET WALTERS REMMERS, Green Bay, Wis., died Oct. 21. A career social worker, she developed and managed the Addiction Intervention Ministry for Lutheran Services of Wisconsin and the Upper Penninsula and served as Outagamie County alcohol and other drug abuse prevention specialist and as a part-time counselor/group facilitator at a residential treatment center for women. She was past-president of the Emergency Shelter Board of Appleton, where she was named Volunteer of the Year in 1992, she served on the Fair Housing Council of Appleton and on the board of directors for A Better Chance for African-American Youth.

In Memoriam *continued*

1960

DONALD H. DANNEMAN, Decorah, died Nov. 7 at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minn., following a brief illness. He was an engineer in the Merchant Marines during World War II, then farmed, started an alfalfa dehydration business, and built and operated dehydration plants in Muscatine and Iowa City. After graduating from Wartburg, he worked as a junior high teacher and principal and later resumed his work with the alfalfa business in Canada, where he also began raising leaf cutter bees, a business he continued after moving back to Iowa.

1961

JERALD L. BURRACK, Maynard, died Dec. 5 at Palmer Lutheran Health Care Center, West Union. He was executive vice president of Maynard Savings Bank for 41 years, president of the Maynard Historical Association, and past president of the Fayette County Bankers Association.

1962

JUDITH CAVE KAHLER, Waverly, died Oct. 12 at Waverly Health Center of natural causes. She served as children's librarian at the Waverly Public Library, as coordinator of the Head Start Program at UNI-CUE in Waterloo, and was a founding member of Waverly Child Care and Preschool.

CHARLES A. MATTHIAS, Norwalk, died May 7, 2009.

1963

ARLYN F. FUERST, DeForest, Wis., died Dec. 26 at Agrace Hospice Care Facility of chronic lymphocytic leukemia. He earned a Master of Music degree in church music and organ from the University of Michigan in 1964 and served as minister of music at Trinity Lutheran Church, Madison, from 1964 to 2006. He received a Lutheran World Federation scholarship to study at the Musikhochschule in Lubeck, Germany, and the University of Iowa in 1971. Under his leadership, the Trinity Choir toured Europe in 1979, 1986, and 1996. In 1994, he and musicians from Trinity represented the City of Madison at the Madison Fair in Freiburg, Germany. He taught through the University of Wisconsin Music Extension Series from 1974 to 1988.

1966

WILLIAM A. GLITZ, Falls Church, Va., died Nov. 2 as a result of brain trauma from a fall. After a short stint as a *Waterloo Daily Courier* reporter, he spent his career in public relations, first as an account executive at Selz, Seabold Public Relations, Chicago, Ill., and then at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where he was transferred as loaned staff to the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., to focus on public information for cancer research. He later worked at Memorial Sloan-Kettering in New York, N.Y., then established his own public relations firm in the Washington, D.C., area, where for more than two decades he served prominent U.S. health care organizations.

1968

KENNETH SCHAFER, Ridgeville, S.C., died July 16. He taught at JFK Middle School in Bethpage, N.Y., for 33 years.

1970

FRED O. "BUFFALO" HOWARD, Wyoming, Ill., died Jan. 3 at Methodist Medical Center, Peoria. He was president and CEO of Aldrich Company for more than 40 years. He was a member of the Wyoming Lions Club; Wyoming Fire Department; Wyoming Chamber of Commerce; Transportation Club of Peoria; Pheasants Forever; American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers; Central Illinois Farm Heritage Tractor Club; and Wartburg Athletic Booster Club. He was an associate member of the Wyoming American Legion Post 91, supported 4-H and Junior Fair, and served on the church council and as an elder at St. Timothy Lutheran Church.

1972

PAMELA AUSTIN SHANE-DILLARD, Waterloo, died Aug. 20 from complications of cancer. She retired from the University of Missouri, Kansas City, where she served as diversity coordinator. She was a member of the NAACP and Kiwanis.

1973

MARY STROHECKER MUSSEHL, Mason City, died Sept. 28 at the I.O.O.F. Home. She received her teaching certificate from the University of Dubuque and years later earned a bachelor's degree at Wartburg. She taught in a country school, at Nashua Junior High School, and for 18 years in the Plainfield Schools.

MARSHA PAEPER SHAFFER, Dubuque, died Aug. 27. She worked at a bank and in publishing, was a work-at-home mom, and served as a church custodian.

1976

ROBERT J. SCHACHTNER, Sabetha, Kan., died Sept. 5 at the Sabetha Manor Nursing Home. He worked as an accountant for Younkers in Des Moines and later for an asbestos removal company in Kansas.

1977

DOUGLAS DANA, Belmond, died Oct. 24. He was a sports editor and writer for the *Belmond Independent* for more than 26 years. He also announced home track and softball games and served as an announcer for the Iowa High School Girls Softball All-Star Game in Des Moines, receiving the Jerry Watzel Service Award in 2009 from the the Iowa Girls Coaches Association. He was a Belmond Dog Days Triathlon volunteer and supported high school sports, music, and drama programs and community fundraising events.

1985

JEROME "JODY" VAN DAELE, Waterloo, died Sept. 11 at University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics, Iowa City, from complications of muscular dystrophy. He worked for several years as a secretary at the University of Northern Iowa, where he also earned a degree.

1987

The Rev. **JOHN B. VAN SANT, V**, McKinney, Texas, died Nov. 20 from complications following a procedure to correct heart arrhythmia. He was a youth minister in Michgan and Minnesota before completing a Master of Divinity degree at Luther Northwestern Seminary. He served congregations in Oklahoma and Texas, most recently as pastor of Rejoice Lutheran in Frisco, Texas. Before enrolling at Wartburg, he was active in regional, national, and international musical touring teams with Lutheran Youth Encounter.

2000

JEFFERY J. CLARK, Cedar Rapids, died Nov. 27 at St. Luke's Hospital. He was a mathematics teacher at Vernon Middle School, Marion, and an assistant varsity wrestling coach at Kennedy High School, Cedar Rapids. He also coached football and track at Vernon Middle School and wrestling at Harding Middle School for several years.

FORMER BOARD OF REGENTS

IVAN J. ACKERMAN, Waverly, died Dec. 16 at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community of cancer. He served on the Wartburg Board of Regents from 1980 to 1992 and was a member of the Task Force on Admissions and Financial Aid for Commission Wartburg. The college recognized him with the Wartburg Medal in 2007. He practiced law with Engelbrecht, Ackerman & Hassman from 1963 until his retirement in December 2009 and served as mayor of Waverly from 1998 to 2010. He served on the boards at Waverly Light and Power and Clarksville Community Nursing Home, was a charter member of the Waverly Economic Development Company, and past president of the Waverly Chamber of Commerce, Waverly Rotary Club, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He received the Waverly Chamber Citizenship Award in 1992.

Dr. **ROSS D. CHRISTENSEN**, Waterloo, died Nov. 27. An orthodontist in Waterloo and former Wartburg Board of Regents chair, he received an honorary degree from the college in 2000, recognizing his leadership to Wartburg and the Cedar Valley. He served on the Board of Regents from 1982 to 1994, then chaired the President's Resource Council and was national chair of Commission Wartburg. He was a member and past president of the Waterloo Community School Board, past president of the Greater Cedar Valley Alliance, board member of the R.J. McElroy Trust, founding member of Community National Bank, co-founder and owner of Heartland Inns, active community supporter, advocate for Young Life, and member of the University of Iowa Foundation.

FORMER FACULTY AND STAFF

PHILIP JURL, Waverly, a member of the Wartburg social work faculty from 1975 to 1980, died Jan. 21 at his home. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a graduate of St. Olaf College. After earning a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Iowa, he worked in Minnesota as a Hennepin County juvenile probation officer, counselor at Glen Lake County Home School for Boys, and assistant superintendent at the Minnesota State Training School for Boys. He worked from 1967 to 1975 as superintendent of the Iowa State Juvenile Home in Toledo. After leaving Wartburg, he was a Cedar Valley mental health and substance abuse counselor until his retirement.

C. ANN OLSON, Waverly, died Dec. 28 at Allen Hospital, Waterloo. She worked in the Controller's Office from March 1982 until her retirement in January 2002.

Dr. **ROBERT G. SMITH**, Waverly, professor emeritus of speech, died Oct. 24 at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community. He was a graduate of Augsburg College, earned a master's degree in English from Washington University, St. Louis, and completed his Ph.D. in communication arts at the University of Minnesota. He served on the Wartburg faculty from 1955 to 1961 and from 1966 until his retirement in 1987. He taught at the University of Washington in 1961-62, the University of Montana in 1962-63, and University of Northern Iowa from 1963 to 1966. The Wartburg Forensics Tournament is named in his honor.

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Student Study Abroad Photo Contest Winners

Ellen Gustafson '12,
"Just Be Patient"

FIRST

Tanzania taught me many lessons, not the least of which were steadfast faith, enduring love, and relentless patience. Patience came slowly. For several weeks, it felt that much of what I did was wait — to arrive at far-off travel destinations, for something exciting, for the language to come more easily, or for events to happen on schedule. But I learned that by waiting without impatience, I could remain open to new experiences, unexpected acquaintances, or beautiful everyday moments. Here, waiting for a church service to begin, I listened to the choir, trying to mimic the actions and attitude of those content to simply "be," who already knew how to wait.

Jessica Glendenning '12,
"The Lookout"

SECOND

During one trip to (New Zealand's) south island, I came across Nugget Point Lighthouse built in the 1860s. It is at the end of a point and can only be accessed by a very narrow walkway. It is still in use because Nugget Point is a dangerous location for ships. The lighthouse represents an example of things New Zealanders overcame to adapt and survive on one of the most unique and diverse islands in the world.